

“The Macedonian Call”

Acts 16:1-10

16 Paul came to Derbe and then to Lystra, where a disciple named Timothy lived, whose mother was Jewish and a believer but whose father was a Greek. ² The believers at Lystra & Iconium spoke well of him. ³ Paul wanted to take him along on the journey, so he circumcised him because of the Jews who lived in that area, for they all knew that his father was a Greek. ⁴ As they traveled from town to town, they delivered the decisions reached by the apostles and elders in Jerusalem for the people to obey. ⁵ So the churches were strengthened in the faith & grew daily in numbers.

⁶ Paul and his companions traveled throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word in the province of Asia. ⁷ When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to. ⁸ So they passed by Mysia and went down to Troas. ⁹ During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” ¹⁰ After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

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1. THERE IS A PLEA FOR HELP

⁹ During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.”

Acts 16:9

- Macedonia was very secular and given over to idols
- Their worship included sexual immorality and drunkenness
- Humanism and philosophy abounded
- There's racial tension and prejudice
- Paul didn't pass them by but still preached the gospel to them
- Some responded and their hearts/minds began to change

2. THERE IS A VISION FROM GOD

¹⁰ After Paul had seen the vision...

Acts 16:10a

- The younger generation of all cultures in Quebec
- The immigrant population (refugee/diaspora of all nations)

3. THERE IS AN OBEDIENCE TO THE CALL

¹⁰ ...we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia...

Acts 16:10b

- Ordained Alliance pastor who speaks fluent French
- Financial capability

Do we have the faith to give away our resources (personnel & finances) so God's kingdom can be advanced from sea to sea?

- God has blessed us with resources so we can bless others

4. THERE IS A NEW VENTURE

¹⁰ ...concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

Acts 16:10c

New venture in Montreal:

- A partnership between FLC, Pastor Joseph, CPD, SLD, etc
- For ~5 years until spiritual/financial stability and independent, be self-supporting with leadership team/official church status

Participate by:

- Praying for the preparation (family, timing, location, team)
- Giving towards the New Venture (fund set up at SLD office)
- Going to serve in the future (short-term mission trip)