

Living Water Part 32
Acts 15:36-16:15

The Title Of The Message: “Challenges and Blessings”

The Key Word: Contention

The Thought: There are challenges in the church, in our walks, and in ministry, and when faithful there are blessings.

The Breakdown:

Verses 15:36-41 The Plan And The Problem...

Verses 16:1-7 Directed By The Spirit...

Verses 8-15 The Payoff...

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Acts 15:36

Then after some days Paul said to Barnabas...

Acts 15:37-41

Now Barnabas was determined...

Matthew 5:23–24

“To dwell above with saints we love, O that will sure be glory. But to dwell below with saints we know, Well, that’s another story!

Colossians 4:10 (NKJV) Aristarchus my fellow prisoner greets you, with Mark the cousin of Barnabas (about whom you received instructions: if he comes to you, welcome him)...

2 Timothy 4:11 (NKJV) Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful to me for ministry.

2 Corinthians 3:5 (NKJV) Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as being from ourselves, but our sufficiency is from God...

Verses 16:1-7 Directed By The Spirit...

Acts 16:1-3

Then he came to Derbe and Lystra...

1 Corinthians 9:19–23

1 Corinthians 10:33 (NKJV) just as I also please all men in all things, not seeking my own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved.

“It is a wise spiritual leader who knows how and when to apply the principles of the Word of God, when to stand firm and when to yield.” -Warren Weirsbe

Acts 16:4-5

And as they went through the cities...

Acts 16:6-7

Now when they had gone...

They were forbidden by the Holy Spirit to preach...

Psalm 127:1a (NKJV) Unless the Lord builds the house, They labor in vain who build it...

Proverbs 14:1 (NKJV) The wise woman builds her house, But the foolish pulls it down with her hands.

Verses 8-15 The Payoff...

Acts 16:8-10

So passing by Mysia...

Acts 16:11-15

Therefore, sailing from Troas...

On the Sabbath day...

Romans 1:16 (NKJV) For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

Now a certain woman named Lydia heard us...

Revelation 2:18-29.

The Lord opened her heart...

John 6:44 (NKJV) No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day.

Application:

1. From time to time we will have disagreements in the church, and we need to handle it in the Spirit not the flesh.

2. When we are submitted to the leading of the Spirit, He will lead us to where we have to go.

3. When we are faithful to do what the Spirit says there are many blessings in the challenges.