

Acts 16:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And after he had seen the vision, immediately we
endeavoured to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that
the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them.

Analysis

And after he had seen the vision (ὡς τὸ ὄραμα εἶδεν)—The 'man of Macedonia' vision (v. 9) redirected Paul's entire missionary strategy, bringing the gospel to Europe. God sovereignly guides mission through both closed doors (vv. 6-7, the Spirit forbidding Asia) and open visions. **Immediately we endeavoured** (εὐθέως ἐζητήσαμεν) shows prompt obedience—no hesitation, debate, or delay when divine direction becomes clear.

The shift to '**we**' marks Luke's personal involvement in Paul's mission—this is eyewitness testimony. The phrase **assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us** (συμβιβάζοντες ὅτι προσκέκληται ἡμᾶς ὁ θεός) means 'concluding' or 'inferring with certainty.' They interpreted circumstances through Scripture and prayer, discerning God's call. Note the inclusive **us**—God's call extends to the team, not just the individual. **To preach the gospel unto them** defines mission's purpose: evangelistic proclamation, not mere cultural exchange or humanitarian aid.

Historical Context

This vision circa AD 50 redirected Christianity westward into Europe, specifically Macedonia (modern Greece). Philippi, a Roman colony, became the first European church. This seemingly small decision—responding to a nighttime vision—altered

history's trajectory, bringing the gospel to the continent that would later send missionaries worldwide.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. How do you discern God's guidance through circumstances, especially when doors close unexpectedly?
2. What would immediate obedience to God's clear calling look like in your life right now?

Interlinear Text

ὥς	δὲ	τὸ	ὄραμα	εἶδεν	εὐθέως	ἐζητήσαμεν
after	And	G3588	the vision	he had seen	immediately	we endeavoured
G5613	G1161		G3705	G1492	G2112	G2212
ἐξελθεῖν	εἰς	τὴν	Μακεδονίαν	συμβιβάζοντες	ὅτι	
to go	into	G3588	Macedonia	assuredly gathering	that	
G1831	G1519		G3109	G4822	G3754	
προσκέκληται	ἡμᾶς	ὁ	Κύριος	εὐαγγελίσασθαι	αὐτούς	
had called	us	G3588	the Lord	for to preach the gospel	unto them	
G4341	G2248		G2962	G2097	G846	