

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 (ώς 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

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