

# Acts 16:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Therefore loosing from Troas, we came with a straight course to Samothracia, and the next day to Neapolis;

## Analysis

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**Therefore loosing from Troas**—The "we" passage begins here (πλεύσαντες, pleusantes, "having sailed"), indicating Luke's personal presence on Paul's second missionary journey. This marks a pivotal geographic shift from Asia Minor to Europe.

**We came with a straight course** (εὐθυδρομήσαμεν, euthydromeō)—literally "to run a straight course," a nautical term indicating favorable winds. The 100-mile voyage from Troas to **Samothracia** (a mountainous island midpoint) and then to **Neapolis** (modern Kavala, the port city of Philippi) normally took several days against prevailing winds, but God's providence gave them swift passage. Compare the return journey (Acts 20:6), which took five days—highlighting divine assistance in answering the Macedonian call.

## Historical Context

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This verse records Christianity's entry into Europe (circa AD 50). Neapolis was the eastern port of the Via Egnatia, Rome's major east-west highway through Macedonia. Paul responded to the vision of the "man of Macedonia" (16:9), fulfilling God's plan to bring the gospel to Europe. Luke, the author, likely joined Paul's team at Troas.

## Related Passages

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**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

**Psalms 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

## Study Questions

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1. What "straight course" might God be providing in your life to fulfill His calling, and are you recognizing His providential guidance?
2. How does the inclusion of "we" passages (Luke's eyewitness account) strengthen your confidence in the historical reliability of Scripture?

## Interlinear Text

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Ἀναχθέντες	οὖν	ἀπὸ	τῆς	Τρωάδος	
loosing	Therefore	from	G3588	Troas	
G321	G3767	G575		G5174	
εὐθυδρομήσαμεν	εἰς	Σαμοθράκην	τῇ	τε	ἐπιούσῃ
we came with a straight course	day to	Samothracia	G3588	and	the next
G2113	G1519	G4543		G5037	G1966
εἰς	Νεάπολιν				
day to	Neapolis				
G1519	G3496				

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