

Daily Devotion For November 7, 2022

They went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia and were prevented by the Holy Spirit from speaking **the message in Asia**.⁷ When they came to Mysia, they tried to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them.⁸ So, bypassing Mysia, they came down to Troas.⁹ During the night a vision appeared to Paul: **A Macedonian man was standing and pleading with him, "Cross over to Macedonia and help us!"**¹⁰ After he had seen the vision, we immediately made efforts to set out for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to evangelize them." Acts 16:6-10

In my message two weeks ago I talked about Paul on his second missionary, intending to take the good news of the gospel into Asia. Acts 16:6 tells us as he was at the border, the Holy Spirit prevented him from entering Asia. Instead, Paul received a vision of a man from Macedonia pleading with him to Europe and help them. I often wonder what would have happened if Paul had gone to Asia instead of Europe. Yet, God had other plans for him and the gospel.

Sometimes in our Christian lives we may be heading in one direction and doing the will of God but God has another plan for our lives. In such cases we need to be open to the movement of the Holy Spirit. Sometimes God's "roadblocks" are really God "rerouting" us in a new and better direction to achieve something for better than what we can think or believe.

Thought For Today: Run into any roadblocks lately? Perhaps God is rerouting you? Is there any change that the Holy Spirit is calling you to make? How can you listen more closely to the Holy Spirit's direction in your life?

Today's Prayer Focus: Pray that you would be sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit in your life. Deo Volente.