Historic White Marsh Church

June 18, 2023 Happy Father's Day!

Prelude Marjorie Lampkin - Pianist

Hymn ~ 774 When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture Reading: Acts 16:1-10

Prayer

Hymn ~ 453 Happy Our Home When God Is There

Please share some good words about your father.

Hymn ~ 215 When Morning Gilds the Skies

Sermon

Hymn ~ 593 Where He Leads Me

Benediction & Postlude

Membership: If you are interested in becoming a member of Historic White Marsh Church, please talk to Rev. Wes Hall.

Tithes & Offerings Please use the wooden **offering box** or *mail your offering to: PO Box 24, Lancaster, VA 22503. Thank you!*

Historic White Marsh Church is an independent, Bible believing, teaching, and Christ-loving Bible Church. We are made up of Christians from diverse backgrounds, who are going to the same place (heaven) because of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Board Meeting: Tuesday, June 13 at 1:00 PM

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DIVINE DIRECTION IN YOUR LIFE

Acts 16:1-10

GOD PREPARES YOU FOR SERVICE. V. 1-3

God began preparing Timothy for ministry from childhood. He was taught the Scriptures by his mother and grandmother. God prepared Timothy to serve with Paul and to pastor churches. 2 Timothy 1:5; 3:15

GOD LEADS YOU TO A STRONGER FAITH. V. 4-5

GOD DIRECTS YOUR STEPS AND YOUR STOPS. V. 6-8

The Holy Spirit kept stopping Paul and Silas from going to places they planned to go. God sometimes directs us by stopping us. "A man's heart devises his way: but the LORD directs his steps." Prov. 16:9

In helping you to discern and do His will, God steers you away from some of your plans if they are not in accordance with His purpose for your life. God speaks to your heart through the Scriptures and the Holy Spirit. Sometimes He changes your plans through circumstances.

GOD CLARIFIES HIS PLANS FOR YOU. V. 9, 10

There are times when you may be confused about what God wants you to do. Paul, Silas, and Timothy found out only where God didn't want them to go at first. In time, God clearly directed them to Macedonia. Patience, prayer, and faith are needed in discerning God's will for your life.

Study Questions on Acts 16:1-10

- 1. What do you learn about Timothy's parents? V. 1 (2 Tim. 1:5; 3:15)
- 2. What was Timothy's reputation? V. 2
- 3. What do you think other believers would say about you? V. 3 $\,$
- 4. What can you do to improve your reputation?
- 5. What wonderful things happened in the churches that were visited by the missionaries? V. 5
- 6. How did the Holy Spirit lead the missionaries? V. 6, 7
- 7. How has the Lord stopped you from doing something that you intended to do? How did the Lord redirect you?
- 8. How did the Lord clearly direct the missionaries? V. 9,10
- 9. Why can you trust the Lord's direction in your life?
- 10. How should you seek God's direction in your life?

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