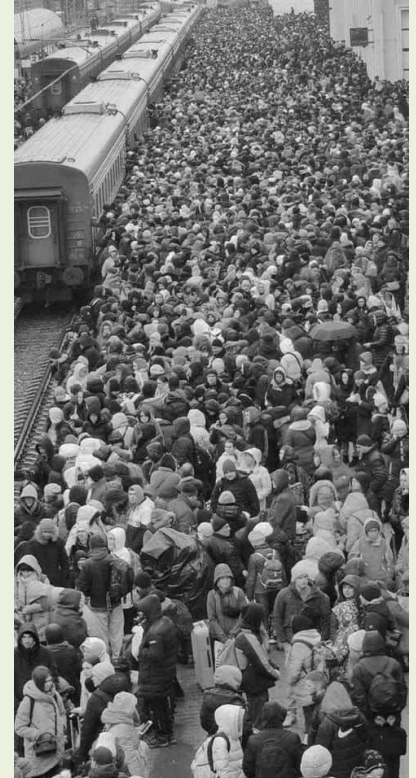


The Call from Without

Acts 16:6–10



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Those with vision will hear. The call comes, but it is only heard by those with listening ears and willing hearts.

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A. The preparation for the call (vv. 6–8)

Paul and his companions traveled throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word in the province of Asia. ⁷ When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to. ⁸ So they passed by Mysia and went down to Troas.

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B. The presentation of the call (v. 9)

*During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, “**Come over to Macedonia and help us.**”*

[John 4:13,14]

[John 6:35] [Matthew 11:28, 29]

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*After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to **preach the gospel** to them.*

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What is the gospel?

God has acted for the salvation of the world in the incarnation, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ became sin for us, dying in our place, paying the penalty for our sins on the cross. He rose bodily and victoriously from the grave, ascended to heaven, and will one day return for His own to establish His kingdom eternally on this earth. Each individual must turn from his or her sins and, by faith, trust Him as Lord and Savior. That is the gospel.

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The great missionary Robert Speer once said,

“You say you have faith?”

Well, then, either give it out or give it up.”



Robert Speer

Faith is personal, but it is **never** private.

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The great English preacher Charles Spurgeon was once asked, “*Do you believe the heathen who have never heard the gospel are really lost?*”

Spurgeon replied, “*Do you believe the ones who have heard the gospel and never shared it are really saved?*”

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Will we faithfully obey God so He can give us the vision and the call?

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Let's Pray

