

God's Blueprint for the Church: Part 2

God Is Always Working

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God works...

- through my w e a k n e s s e s to bring about His p u r p o s e s (Acts 15:36-16:5)
 - To m u l t i p l y His work (15:36-41)
 - To i n v e s t in others (16:1-5)
- to give me d i r e c t i o n for His m i s s i o n (Acts 16:6-15)
 - He leads me w h e r e I should g o (vs 6-10)
 - He leads me to w h o I should s e r v e (vs 11-15)
- to o p e n d o o r s for ministry (Acts 16:16-40):
 - In spite of d e m o n i c opposition (vs 16-18)
 - In spite of h u m a n opposition (vs 19-24)
 - To reveal His p o w e r (vs 25-34)
 - To v i n d i c a t e His people (vs 35-40)

Remember. God is a l w a y s working in e v e r y situation regardless of the o b s t a c l e s and personal d i f f i c u l t i e s that we may face.

Thinking through the scripture...

Think of a time when God worked in your life in one of the ways we studied today. Describe it. At what point did you realize that God was working in that situation?

What is the big picture that we ought to keep in mind as we encounter opposition or conflict when we are engaged in reaching others?

If Paul and Silas encountered both open and closed doors, it seems likely that we will as well. How did Paul respond to these situations? How have you responded in the past? How will you respond in the future?