

# OVERHEADS 3-26-2017



- **Acts 15:36-41 (NIV)**

<sup>36</sup> Some time later Paul said to Barnabas, “Let us go back and visit the believers in all the towns where we preached the word of the Lord and see how they are doing.” <sup>37</sup> Barnabas wanted to take John, also called Mark, with them, <sup>38</sup> but Paul did not think it wise to take him, because he had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not continued with them in the work. <sup>39</sup> They had such a sharp disagreement that they parted company. Barnabas took Mark and sailed for Cyprus, <sup>40</sup> but Paul chose Silas and left, commended by the believers to the grace of the Lord. <sup>41</sup> He went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches.

- **Acts 16:16-18 (NIV)**

<sup>16</sup> Once when we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a female slave who had a spirit by which she predicted the future. She earned a great deal of money for her owners by fortune-telling. <sup>17</sup> She followed Paul and the rest of us, shouting, “These men are servants of the Most High God, who are telling you the way to be saved.” <sup>18</sup> She kept this up for many days. Finally Paul became so annoyed that he turned around and said to the spirit, “In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to come out of her!” At that moment the spirit left her.

- **Acts 16:25-34 (NIV)**

<sup>25</sup> About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. <sup>26</sup> Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone's chains came loose. <sup>27</sup> The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped. <sup>28</sup> But Paul shouted, "Don't harm yourself! We are all here!"

<sup>29</sup> The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. <sup>30</sup> He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

<sup>31</sup> They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household." <sup>32</sup> Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. <sup>33</sup> At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his household were

baptized. <sup>34</sup> The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God—he and his whole household.

- **2 video clips from Youtube on Anger:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vzc8M51R9v4>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6gx-H8d5U8w>

- **ANGER**

- **Paul sharply disagrees with Barnabas and parts ways.**
- **Paul is annoyed by the evil spirit in the slave girl.**
- **Paul feels dishonored by public civil officers.**
  
- **Anger runs right alongside with good.**
- **This can be messy and confusing.**
- **Going beyond simply “in your anger, do not sin.”**
- **Anger knows when something is wrong.**
- **It often shouts to alert us the repressed good inside desires to show itself.**
- **What are you angry about?**
- **God may be angry about it too.**

- **JOY**

- **Churches were being encouraged and strengthened.**
- **Lydia by the river and her whole household gets in on it.**
- **Paul and Silas singing and praying while bleeding in jail.**
- **Party at the Jailer's house in the middle of the night.**
  
- **Joy allows us to breathe, relax, and celebrate.**
- **Joy erupts when unconditional true love is revealed.**
- **Joy meets us at our point of need.**

- **God uses people to translate his joy in our space.**
- **Joy acknowledges the present AND that God will finally make all things right!**
- **What is your experience of joy?**
- **How can we be a community that experiences joy together?**