BACKGROUND OF THE CHURCH AT PHILIPPI

Acts 16: 6 – 12

16:6 - "having been kept by the _____ _____".....w/Gal. 4:13 - "weakness of the flesh"

Which was it?? Was it God that kept them from going to Asia, or was it because Paul was sick.....or was it _____ This teaches us that God is working through _____ part of our lives to accomplish His will for us!

We spend too much time analyzing, and too little time just _____ that God is in control!!

So they want to go into Mysia (beware of marking time at Mysia) – how do we do that?....but can't.....they try to go to Bithynia (don't brood over Bithynia) – have you ever done that? ...but can't... (v.7).....so they go to Troas. And that's where Paul gets his vision!! (v.9)

(V. 10) - God reveals His will for us when we are _____ He wants us to be!! IN other words, we'll know when we're supposed to know!

But notice v. 10 – "we got ready _____ _____to leave - Beware of tarrying at Troas

(V. 9 w/ v. 13ff) - I would have expected a Macedonian man - but there was no place of prayer, which meant there were only a handful of men - less than 10, or there would have been a synagogue! And a ladies' Bible study!! So, hey, lead the Bible study!! And Philippi becomes the place where Lydia is converted, the Philippian jailor is converted... and a strong church is established...the book of Philippian was written to this church.

Go over rest of Acts 16 – the church at Philippi

v. 25 – Midnight _____ – praising God in the darkness.
Praying:
Singing hymns
TO GOD
Other prisoners were _____ – what would they hear if they listened to you at midnight?
v. 30 – what must I do to be saved? V. 31 – believe
what does "and your household" mean?
v. 37 – it's okay to insist on your _____ rights.

v. 40 – close the loop. Let people impacted by what you went through know how God helped you!
_____ years after Paul's last visit to Philippi the church was still strong – Polycarp wrote a letter to them.