

# 2024 - Family Devo

## July 21 - a



### READ: Acts 16:1-5

**Main Idea:** In Lystra Paul comes across a young disciple named Timothy. Even though his dad was not a believer, Timothy has grown up to have a great reputation among the church in that town. Surely his mother, who was a Jewish Christian had a big part in that. Timothy was such a promising young man that Paul recruited him to go with them on their journey and help with their ministry.

### DISCUSS

**Children:** Does the church look for much service from the youth of our church? Are they acting in the same spirit as Timothy? Do you watch our teens and want to be involved and help like they do? Is there something you could do now to be ready to serve and act in the spirit like Timothy?

**Teen:** Do you have to come from a specific set of circumstances to share the word of God? Can God use you where you are?

**Adult:** Have you had a younger person that you mentored? Or were you the younger person that was mentored? How do those relationships develop as they age or progress in the thing for which they are being mentored? Maybe it wasn't a mentor per se, but a teacher who took special interest in you. How do you view that person? If they were special to you then, are they still? Do you look back on what you learned and that relationship with fondness?

### PRAY

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### MEMORIZE

**Psalm 96:2 (ESV)**  
**Sing to the LORD,**  
**bless his name; tell of**  
**his salvation from day**  
**to day.**



# 2024 - Family Devo

## July 21 - b

### READ: Acts 16:6-15

**Main Idea:** As Paul, Silas, and Timothy travel they are directed by the Holy Spirit where to go. They had plans to go to Bithynia, but the Spirit redirected them to a different area. At Philippi they found women who worshiped God, but didn't know about Jesus. One of them accepted Paul's message about Jesus and she (Lydia) and her family were baptized and that night she insisted they stay at her house.

### DISCUSS

**Children:** These men of God had made plans for where they were going to travel and preach. But God had different plans. Do you ever get stuck on what you want to do, that you maybe miss an opportunity to help someone, share with someone, or encourage someone?

**Teen:** God said no to where Paul wanted to go, but people were saved when Paul went where God wanted. Does God know more than us? Is there any reason we should not follow where he leads?

**Adult:** Although God doesn't intend women to be in active leadership roles, they should be very active in the Lord's kingdom. Besides children's class teachers, what have you seen women do that was effective for the work of the church? Are there some areas where women are just better at that special something than men are? If you identified any of those, why do you think the women are more strongly suited than a man?

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