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“Going with His Flow”

(Acts 16:6-10)

Background info

- Paul on 2nd missionary journey
- Recorded by Luke. This is Luke **looking back** and **reflecting**.
- What is going on here...this is important
 - Living out Acts 1:8

Paul wants to go to Asia

- Twice Luke records they are unable to enter Asia
- He attributes it to God that they are not there.
- But he doesn't say how.
 - To Luke it doesn't matter
 - The point he is making is that God is sovereign

We need to **rest** in His sovereignty

- God has you where He wants you and that when the time is right He will move you to where He wants you
- Stop asking “God what is your will for my life?”
- Instead ask, God how can I best share your love story and make disciples with where I am at right now

Table comparing following the Flow or the Flesh

Activity	With the flow	With the flesh
Reading the Bible	Think of self – leads to worship and praise God	Think of others – leads to condemn
Reality not = expectations	Excited to see what God has in store	Dissatisfied/upset – emotions blind us from opportunities
Consider the future	Make preparations	Make plans
Daily life	Rely on the Spirit	Rely on self
Intentions	Proclaim Christ	Proclaim self

As we actively **obey** the **written** word of God, we will better **discern** the **spoken** word of God