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Sermon – Unplanned Obedience

Scripture – Acts 15:36 - 16?

Main Message: Early church history gives us a glimpse of obedient folks whether it was planned or not.

Obedying God sometimes might not make sense. Sometimes it might take time. Sometimes it will be just plain obvious what to do. Most times you may not understand *what is happening right now?* Well it is best to expect the unexpected. Today I am going to read scripture from the book of Acts. Look at all the instances of an obedient Apostle Paul.

- Paul made his second missionary journey. **No resting on his laurels.**
- Paul took Silas because Mark and He had differing opinions on a matter. We all are always in lock step.
- Timothy we know and here was circumcised though there was no law requiring it any longer. But obedient still.
- Traveling around town to town... that would likely be walking!
- Guided by the spirit they did not enter Asia or other provinces. They listened and obeyed.
- Paul had a vision/dream to come to Macedonia. So he did. Another 200+ mile walk and a boat ride.
- Discerned an Evil Spirit in a woman even though she spoke the truth, cast her out. Jail time again.
- Even though there were laws against what they were doing, Paul and Silas served God.
- Being obedient unto death was a reality for Paul and Silas and they took a beating for it.
- They sang hymns of joy, because if your placed in jail for the cause of Christ, well.... Great!
- Paul saved that jailers life in more ways than one.
- That jailer was obedient to the gift offered. He had no plan for that to happen did he?
- Leave...? Not so fast. I think I can get more mileage out of this for the Lord.
- Boldness when it matters.

So many people being obedient when it counts. We should all be looking for ways to be obedient in every way each and every day because we cannot plan everything. Well God does have a plan and so let your best intensions get overrideen by the Lord and His Holy Spirit.

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