


"Go West, Young Man!"
Acts 16:1-10



"Washington is not a place to live in. The rents are high, the food is bad, the dust is disgusting and the morals are deplorable. Go West, young man, go West and grow up with the country." (as cited in Wikipedia)

Horace Greeley

Acts 16:4-5 NIV

As they traveled from town to town, they delivered the decisions reached by the apostles and elders in Jerusalem for the people to obey. So the churches were strengthened in the faith and grew daily in numbers.



Acts 14:26-27 NIV

From Attalia they sailed back to Antioch, where they had been committed to the grace of God for the work they had now completed. On arriving there, they gathered the church together and reported all that God had done through them and how he had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles.



Acts 15:19 NIV

"It is my judgment, therefore, that we should not make it difficult for the Gentiles who are turning to God."



Acts 15:23-29

The apostles and elders, your brothers,
To the Gentile believers in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia:

Greetings.

We have heard that some went out from us without our authorization and disturbed you, troubling your minds by what they said. So we all agreed to choose some men and send them to you with our dear friends Barnabas and Paul— men who have risked their lives



It seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us not to burden you with anything beyond the following requirements:

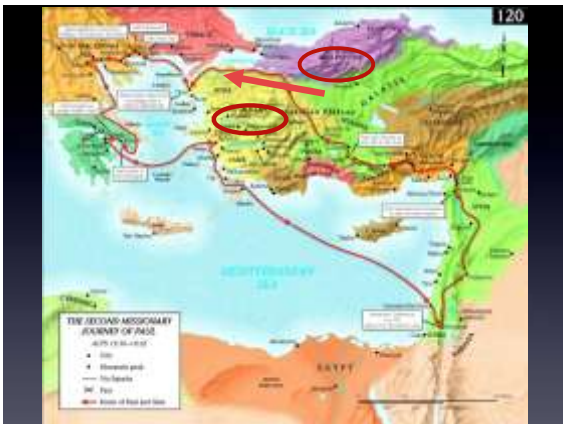
You are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from sexual immorality. You will do well to avoid these things.

Farewell.



Acts 16:6-7 NIV

Paul and his companions traveled throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word in the province of Asia. When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to.





Acts 16:8 NIV

So they passed by Mysia and went down to Troas.



Acts 16:9-10 NIV

During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us."

After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

Lessons from the Journey:

- #1: God always has a bigger plan in mind.
- #2: God provides the tools for the next stage in the journey.
- #3: Don't be afraid to let God take the lead.