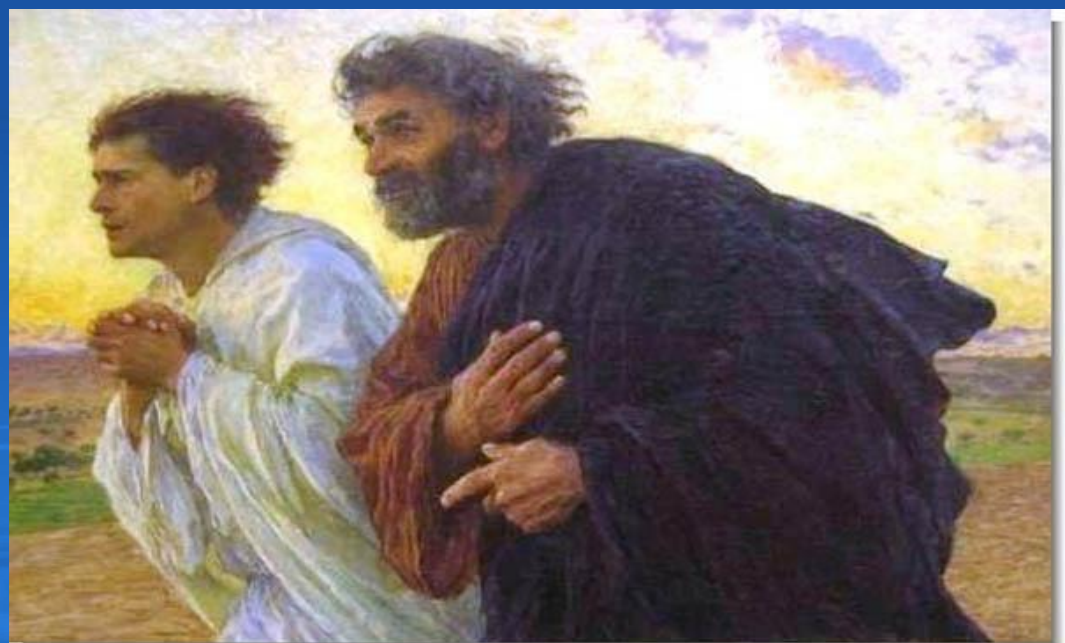
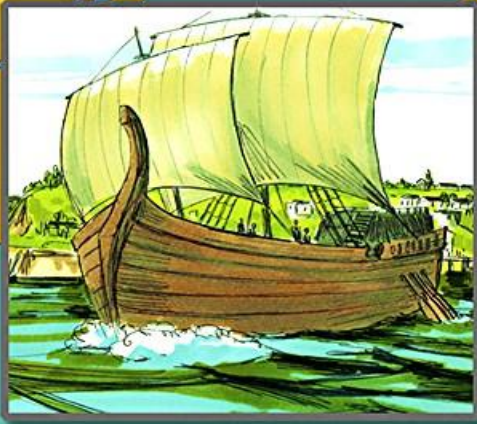


- Paul is extending the range of the Gospel message
- He would now be dealing mostly with pagans
- Paul traveling with Sila
- In Derbe/Lystra invites Timothy to join them
- Timothy was a Jew, born to a Jewish mother, gentile father
- Paul wanted Timothy circumcised so as not to create unneeded side issues

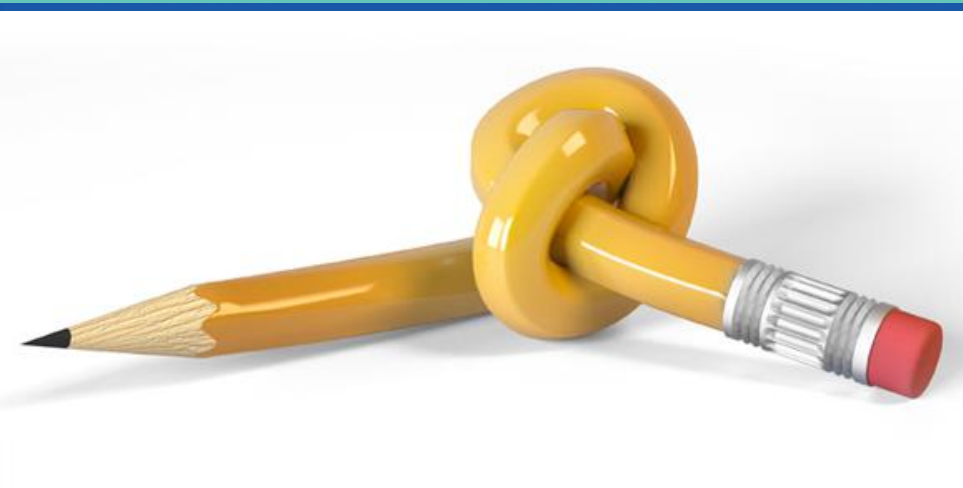


A VISION OF MACEDONIA

- The Holy Spirit would intervene to show Paul where and where not to go
- Troas is a sea port
- Paul displays flexible planning
- A balance between human planning and openness to the movement of the Spirit
- A Believer must incorporate both elements in our endeavors, whether for secular purposes or for ministry



Mediterranean Sea





- It is hard to turn over to God things you are used to controlling
- Paul is a control enthusiast !!
- Strong with words
- Decisive
- Sure he's right
- A crusader, loves to be the underdog
- But....eager to alter his plans in favor of God's direction
- Life is a co-operative venture between us and God
- Finding the right balance is the challenge

LUKE JOINS THE JOURNEY

- Vs. 10 A “we” verse
- When Luke is present usually there is more detail
- On the western shore of the Aegean, Paul will plant Believing congregations at Philippi, Corinth, Berea, and Thessalonica
- Favorable winds allowed the trip from Troas to Neopolis to take only 2 days
- Philippi a designated Roman Colony; Roman religion and Roman law

How do we know when Luke was with Paul?

When Luke writes in the book of Acts:

No, not with Paul

Yes, with Paul

**He
Him
His
They
Them**



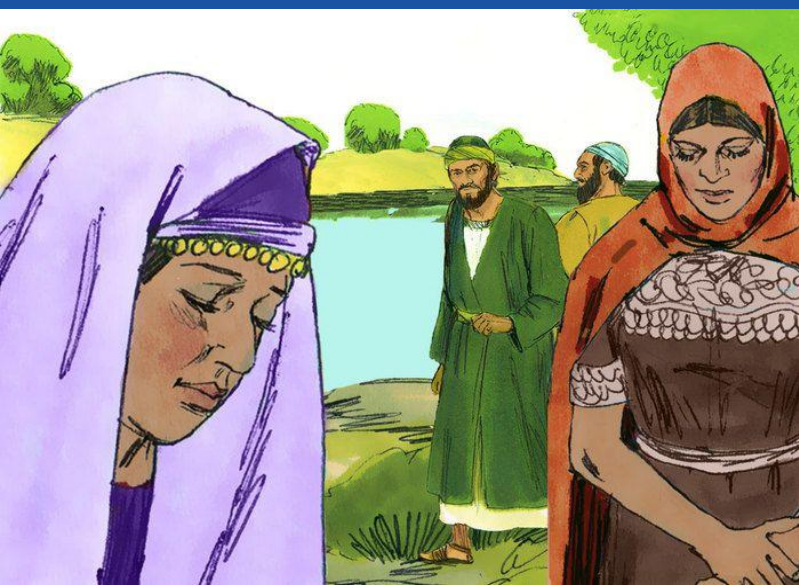
**We
Us**



THE MINYAN IN PHILIPPI

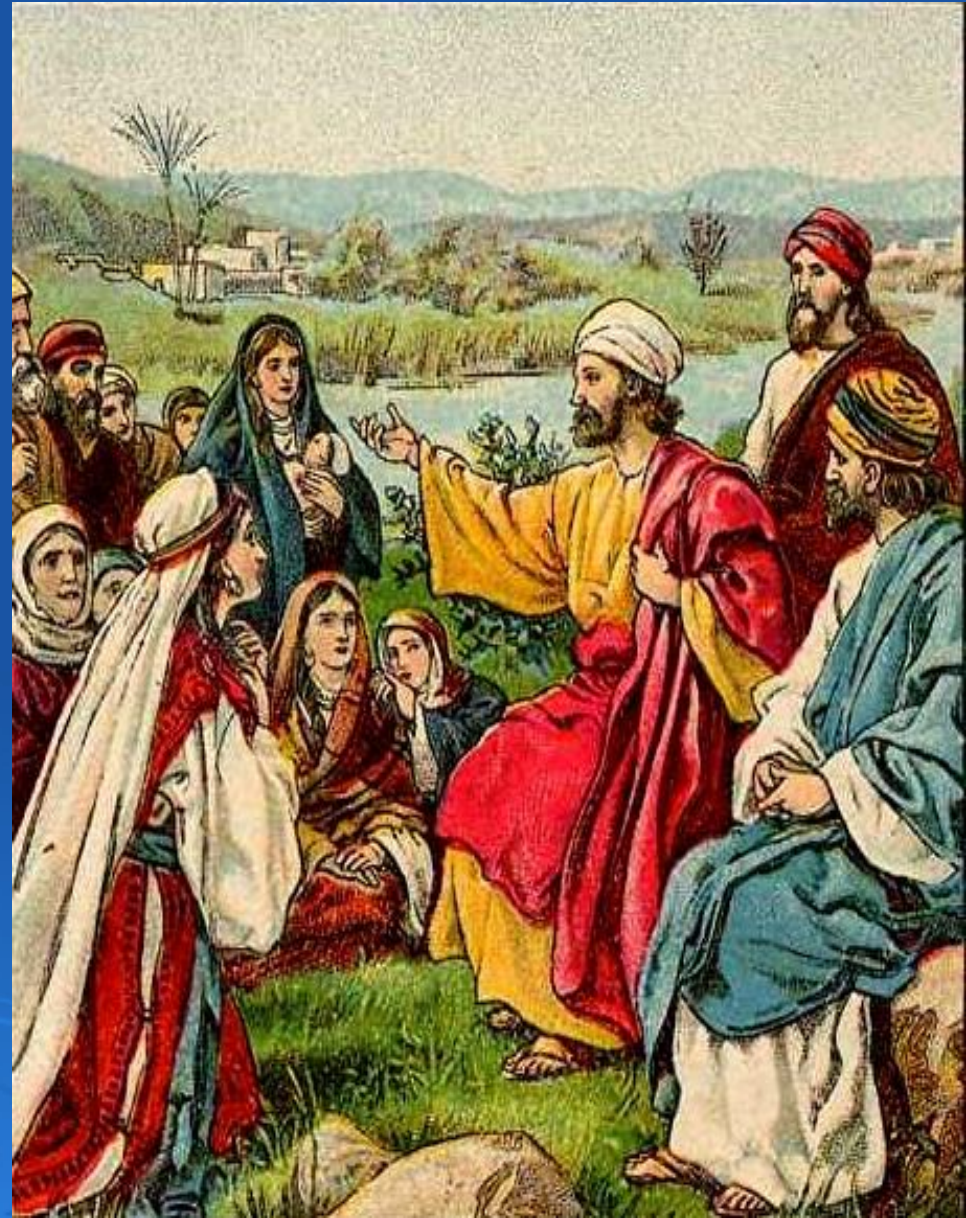


- A *minyan* is a prayer group of 10 or more
- The word *minyan* does not appear in the Greek texts, but that is what is being indicated
- Lydia was from Thyatira, known for fine purple cloth
- *Tekhelet* = shade of purple used for ritual purposes
- Used it in the Tabernacle, tzitzit, ephods, and fringes
- Murex shellfish was best source for purple dye
- In Thyatira the source of purple dye was the root of the madder plant



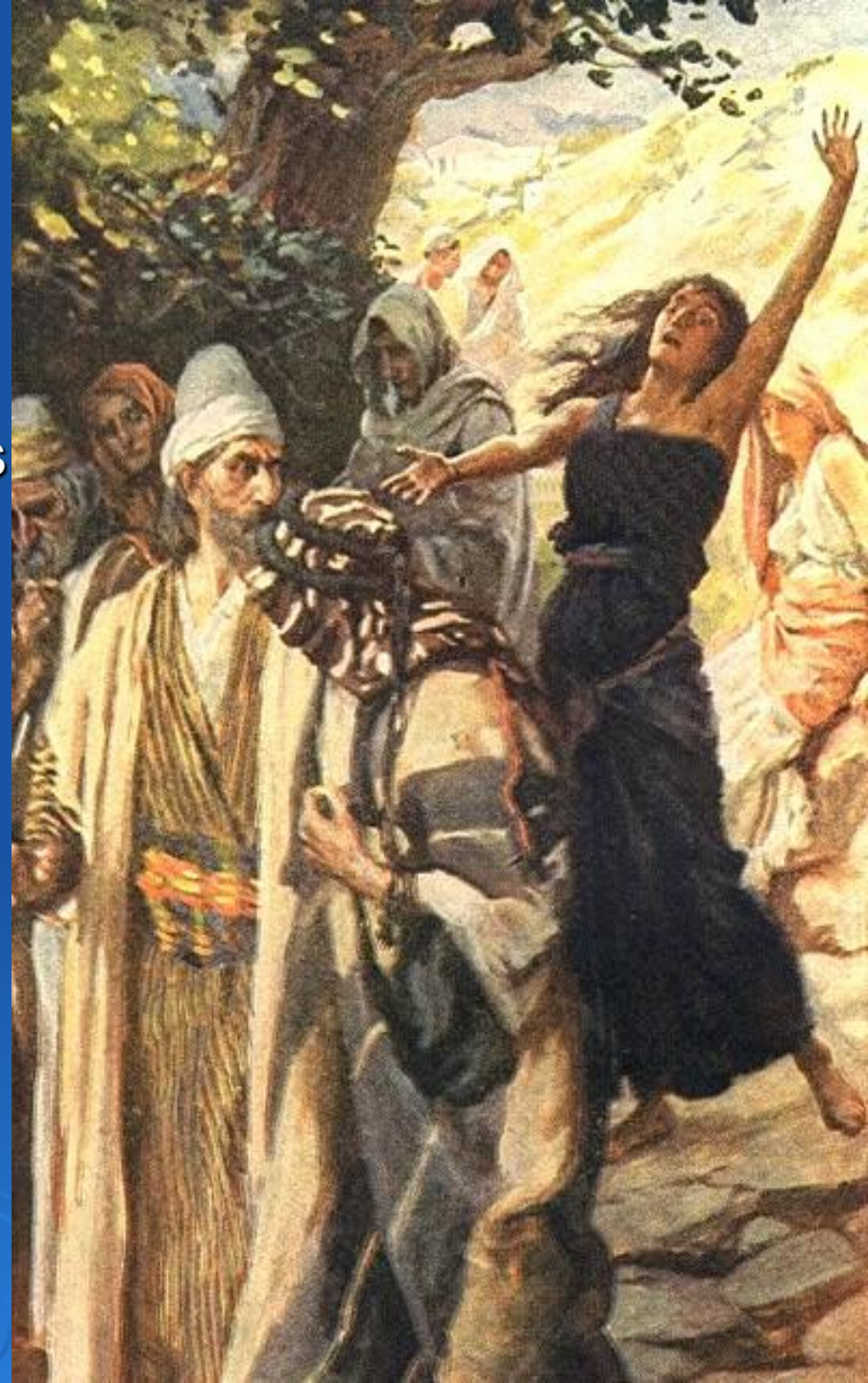
LYDIA AS HEAD OF A HOUSEHOLD

- Lydia was already a God-fearer
- Perhaps a widow or divorcee
- Household heads are powerful and revered
- When the leader adopts a religion, the rest of the household automatically follows
- Lydia accepts Christ and is immersed along with her household
- Acts 16:31
- Lydia offers hospitality to Paul and his companions
- Hospitality was the supreme virtue of the Middle East and most of the known world

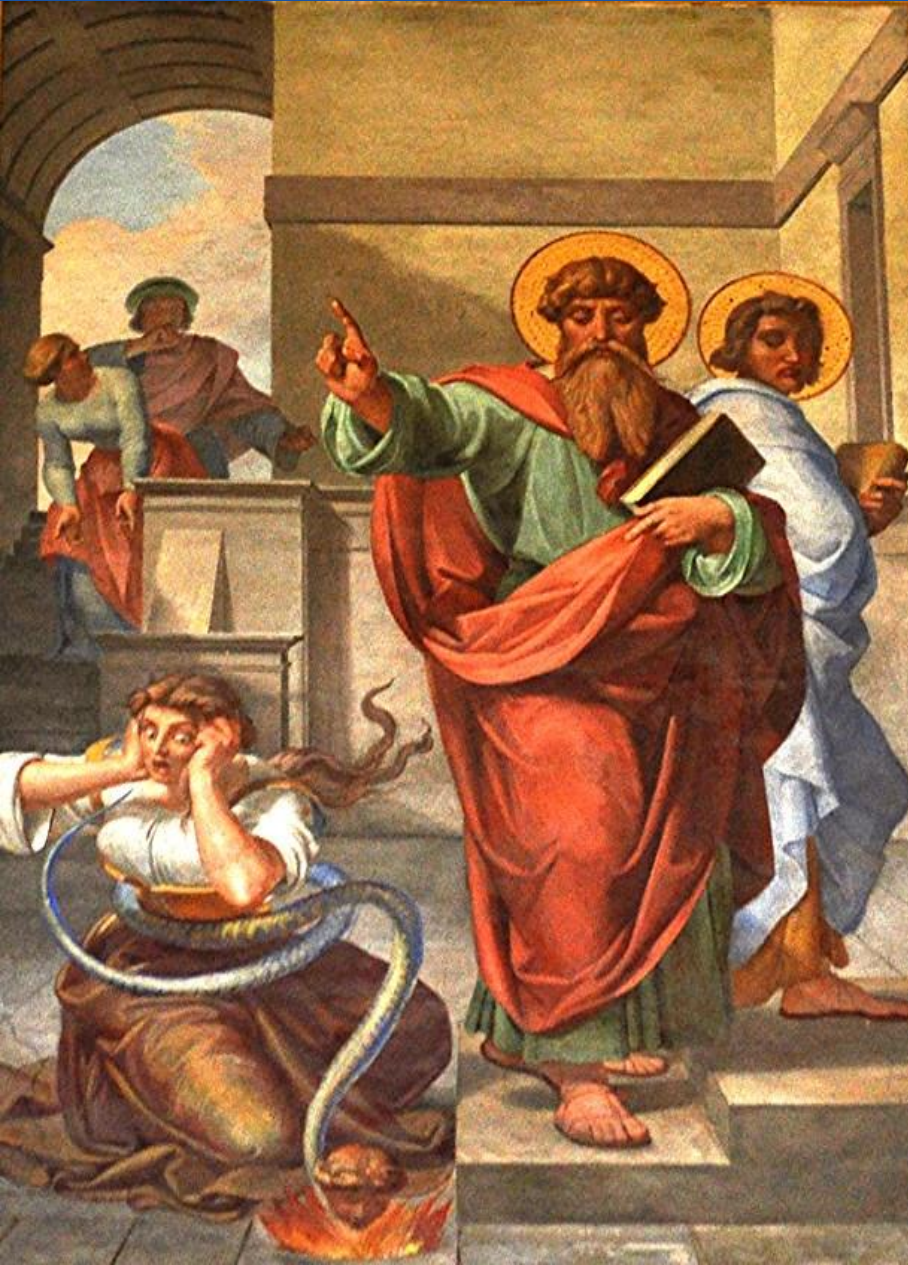


SLAVE GIRL WITH THE SPIRIT OF PYTHIA

- The *Mekhilta Yayassa* upholds that services and Torah readings occurred at synagogue on Shabbat, Monday and Thursday
- The snake is a Python
- Strabo says that the Delphic Oracle was guarded by the Pythia
- Slave girl carried this same spirit as the Oracle of Delphi who was greatly revered
- Her owners charged to let their slave girl predict the future for her clients



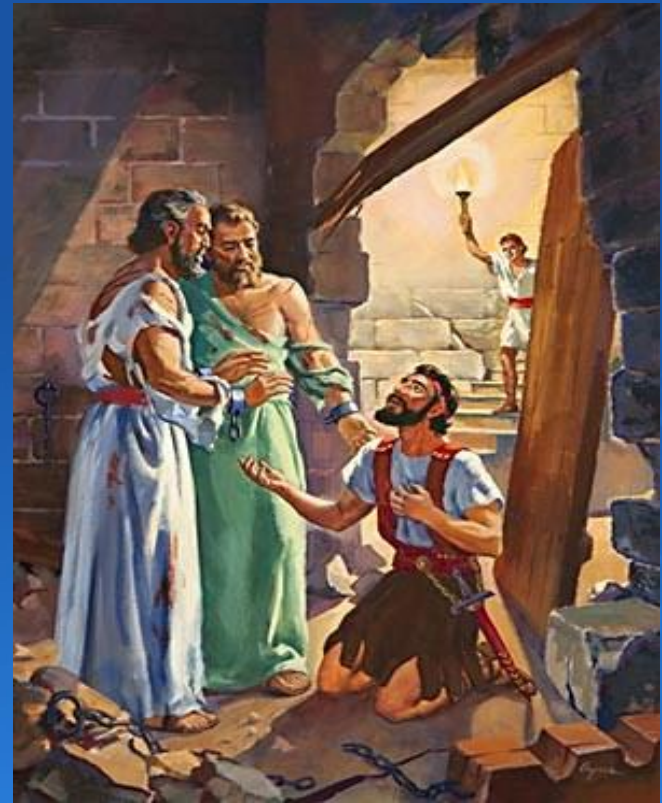
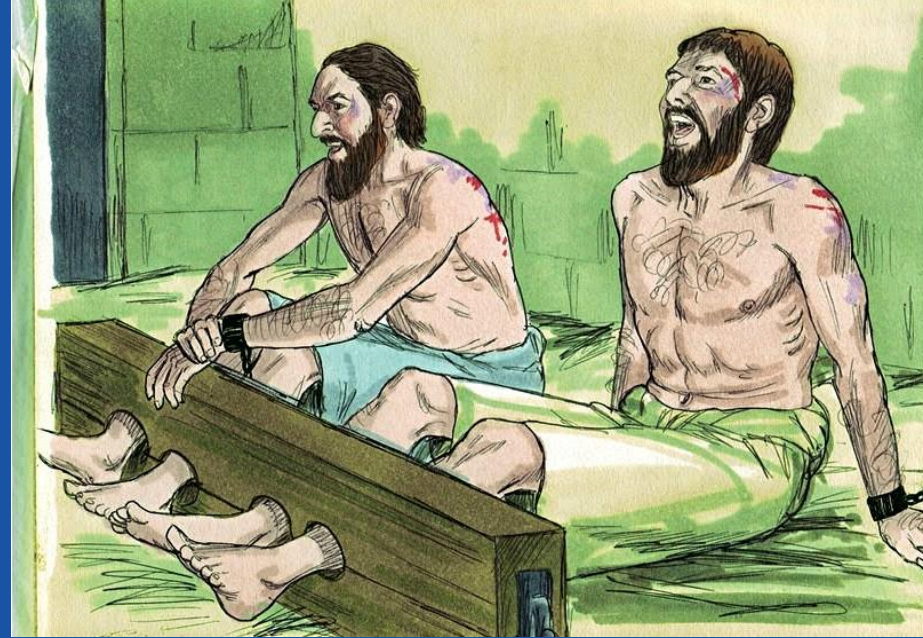
PAUL EXORCISES THE DEMON



- The girl followed Paul around screaming....the truth!!
- When Paul exorcised the demon from her, the businessmen who owned her lost their source of profit
- Paul was accused of inciting a riot
- The townspeople didn't think a Jew would also be a Roman citizen
- Luke and Timothy escaped prosecution because they looked like gentiles

PAUL AND SILA THROWN IN JAIL

- Around midnight an earthquake broke the chains from the prisoners and opened the jail doors
- The jailor just knew the prisoners would be gone, so he was going to kill himself
- Instead, Paul told him they were still there
- The jailor wanted to “be saved”





PAUL & SILA ARE RELEASED

- The jailor cleans Paul and Sila's wounds
- Brings them home to meet his family and for a meal
- The jailor and his entire family are immersed
- Paul insists that the judges that put him in jail need to come and personally apologize to him
- Judges fearful when Paul reveals that he is a Roman citizen
- Disciples went back to Lydia's house and stayed awhile

