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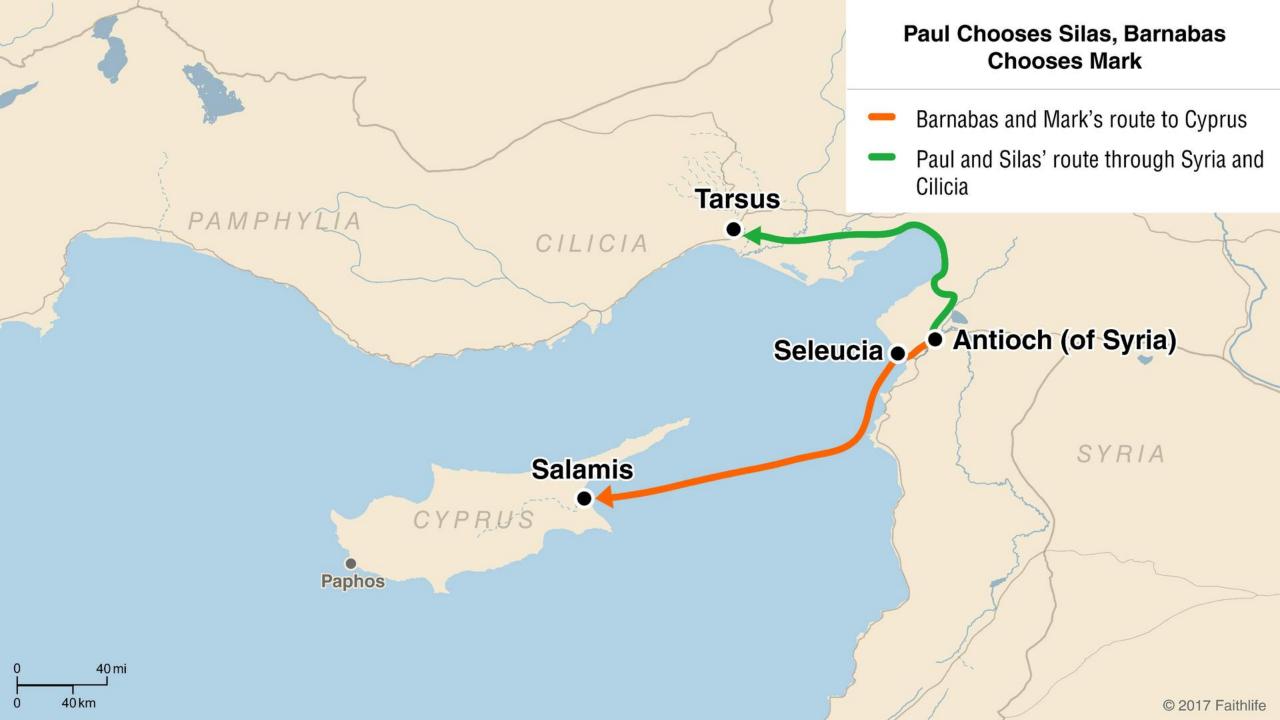
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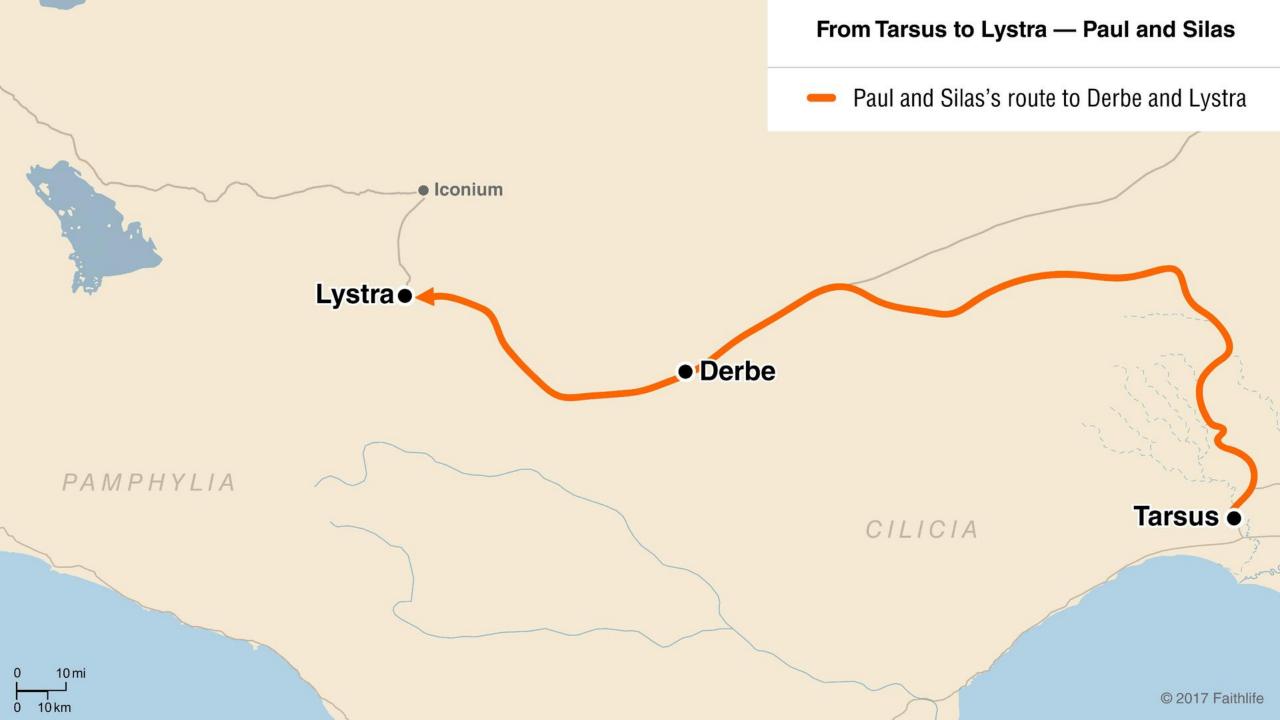
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First Missionary Journey





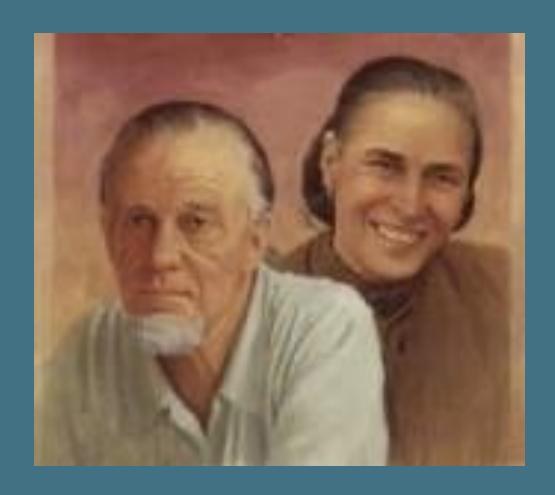


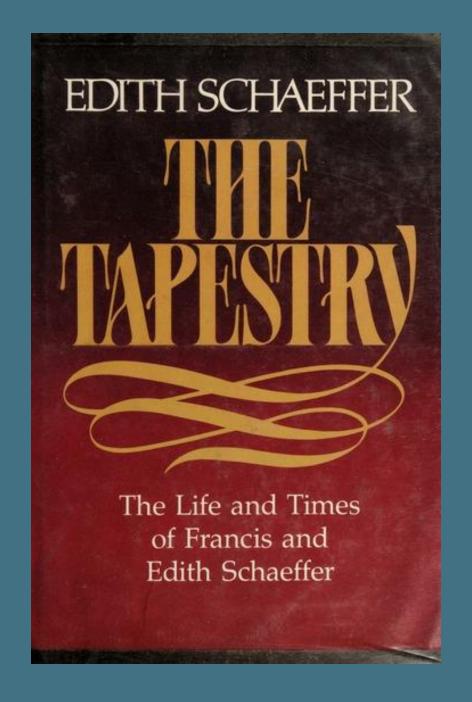


⁶ And they went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia.

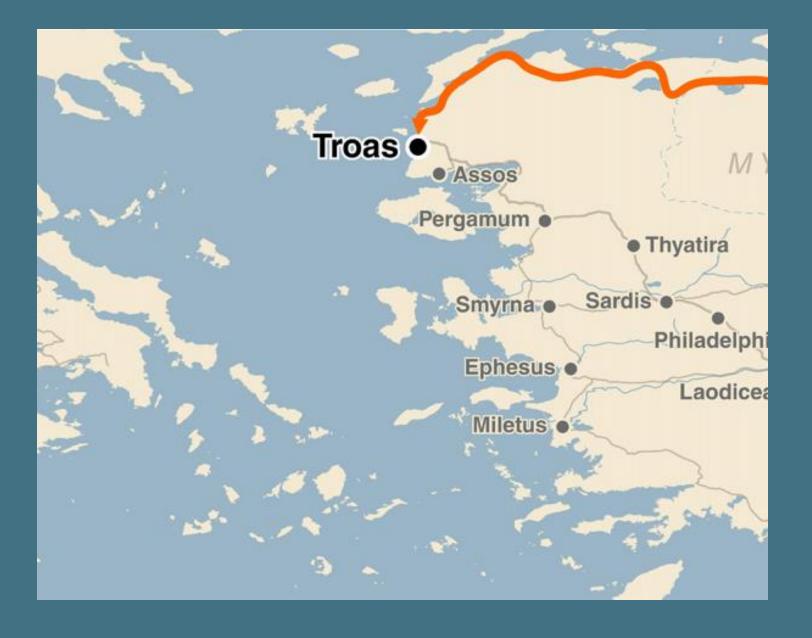
⁷And when they had come up to Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them.







⁸So, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas.



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... give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1 Thessalonians 5:18

For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; 1 Thess. 4:3

For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. 1 Peter 2:15

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⁹And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." 10 And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

The Spirit leads through:

- 1. The written word of God.
- ¹⁶ All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.
 - 2 Timothy 3:16-17

The Spirit leads through:

- 1. The written word of God.
- 2. The written word of God shared through others. (preaching, counsel, admonishment, encouragement, etc.)

3. Special insight given by the Spirit from others.

N.T. prophecy is "a gift of the Holy Spirit that involves telling something that God has spontaneously brought to mind." Grudem

To be "weighed" and "tested" (1 Thess. 5:20-21; 1 Cor. 14:29

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- 6. Dreams and visions.

"The Dreams do not suggest anything not supported by promises contained in the Word of God. If the dream portrays Jesus in a different light than what we see in Scripture, the dream is a false on. If the plan of Jesus, His purposes, or His character is altered in a dream then it's an open-and-shut case: this message does not originate from God. Instead, it is an example of what Paul warned us about: Satan disguising himself as an angel of light. Even though God uses dreams and visions, it's also true that most cults started with one, so it is crucial to measure whatever someone sees by Scripture.

Tom Doyle

May we be led by the Spirit as we follow His known will, entrust the supernatural to His wisdom and timing, and take confidence in His providential leading.





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