



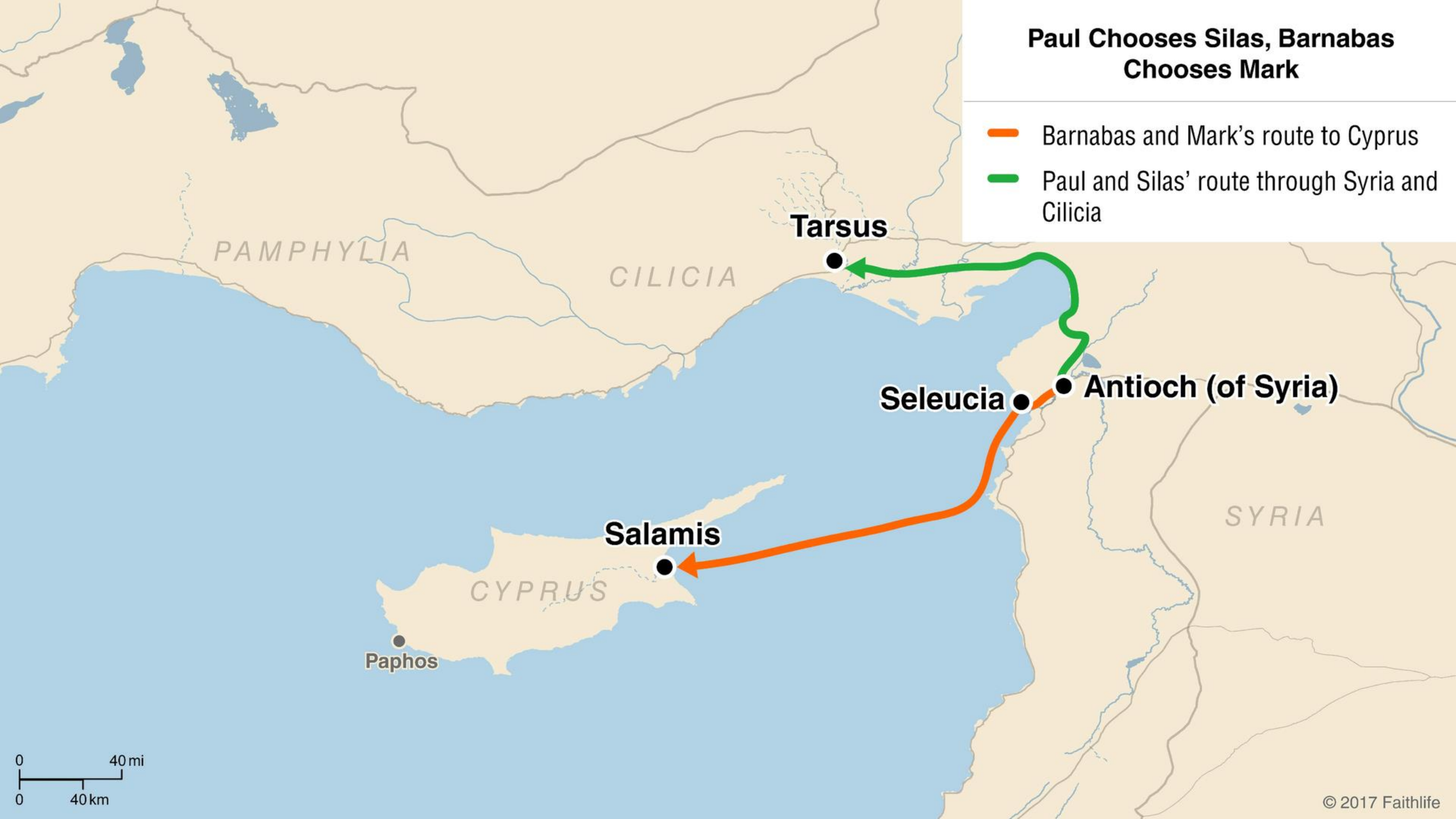


Conversion Stories

Acts 16:11-40

Paul Chooses Silas, Barnabas Chooses Mark

-  Barnabas and Mark's route to Cyprus
-  Paul and Silas' route through Syria and Cilicia



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From Tarsus to Lystra — Paul and Silas

— Paul and Silas's route to Derbe and Lystra



PAMPHYLIA

CILICIA

Tarsus ●

● Derbe

Lystra ●

● Iconium



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.



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.

¹¹So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis,



From Troas to Philippi — Paul, Silas, and Timothy

— Paul, Silas, and Timothy's route from Troas to Philippi



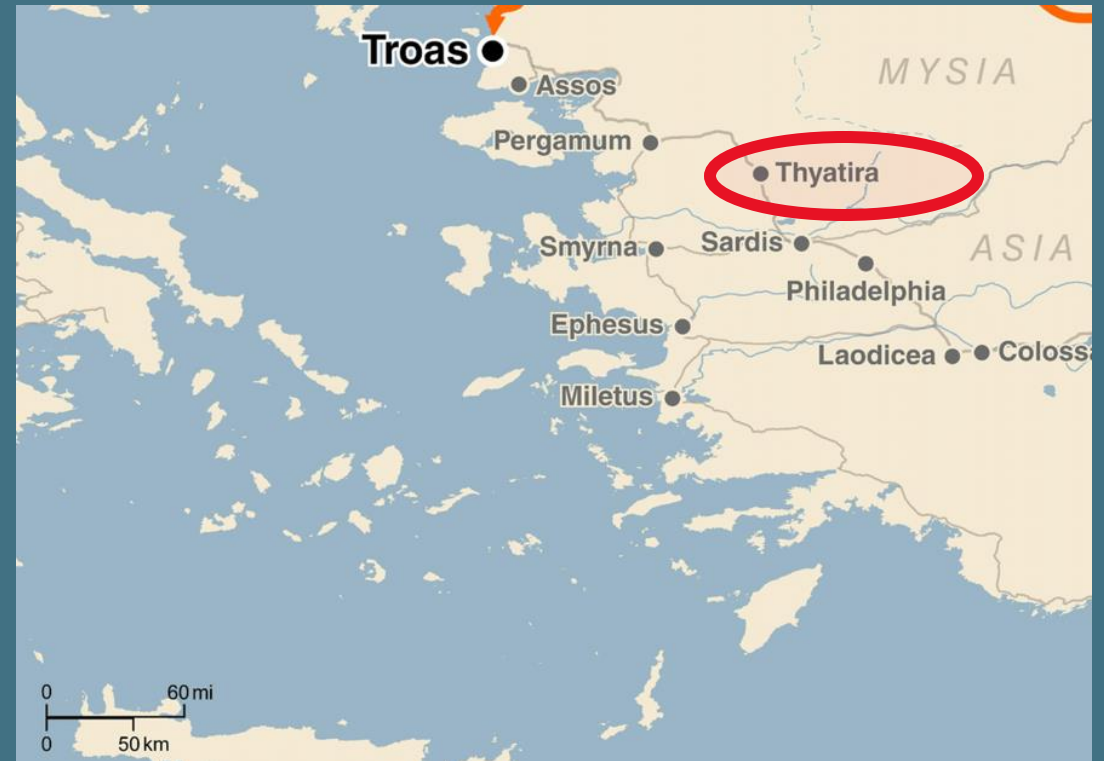
¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days.



The Lord opens hearts in Philippi

¹³And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together.

¹⁴One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul.



The Lord opens the heart of a wealthy woman.

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“The Lord opened her heart to respond. That is, he opened her inner [spiritual] eyes to see and to believe in the Jesus Paul proclaimed. . . . although the message was Paul’s, the saving initiative was God’s. Paul’s preaching was not effective in itself; the Lord worked through it. And the Lord’s work was not itself direct; he chose to work through Paul’s preaching.”

John Stott

40 For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. ...

44 No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him.

John 6:40 & 44

The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul.¹⁵ And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay.” And she prevailed upon us.

Pray for God to open hearts!

The Lord frees a possessed woman.

¹⁶ As we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had **a spirit of divination** and brought her owners much gain by fortune-telling.

πνεῦμα πύθωνα
pneuma pythona

The Lord frees a possessed woman.

¹⁷ She followed Paul and us, crying out, “These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation.”

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Rely on the authority and power of Jesus Christ.

¹⁹ But when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the rulers. ²⁰ And when they had brought them to the magistrates, they said, “These men are Jews, and they are disturbing our city. ²¹ They advocate customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to accept or practice.”

²² The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates tore the garments off them and gave orders to beat them with rods.²³ And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, ordering the jailer to keep them safely. ²⁴ Having received this order, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks.

The Lord shakes up a jailor.

²⁵About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them,

²⁶ and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone's bonds were unfastened. ²⁷ When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped.

²⁸ But Paul cried with a loud voice, “Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.” ²⁹ And the jailer called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas.

³⁰ Then he brought them out and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” ³¹ **And they said, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.”** ³² And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house.

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Let God use our song in suffering to witness.