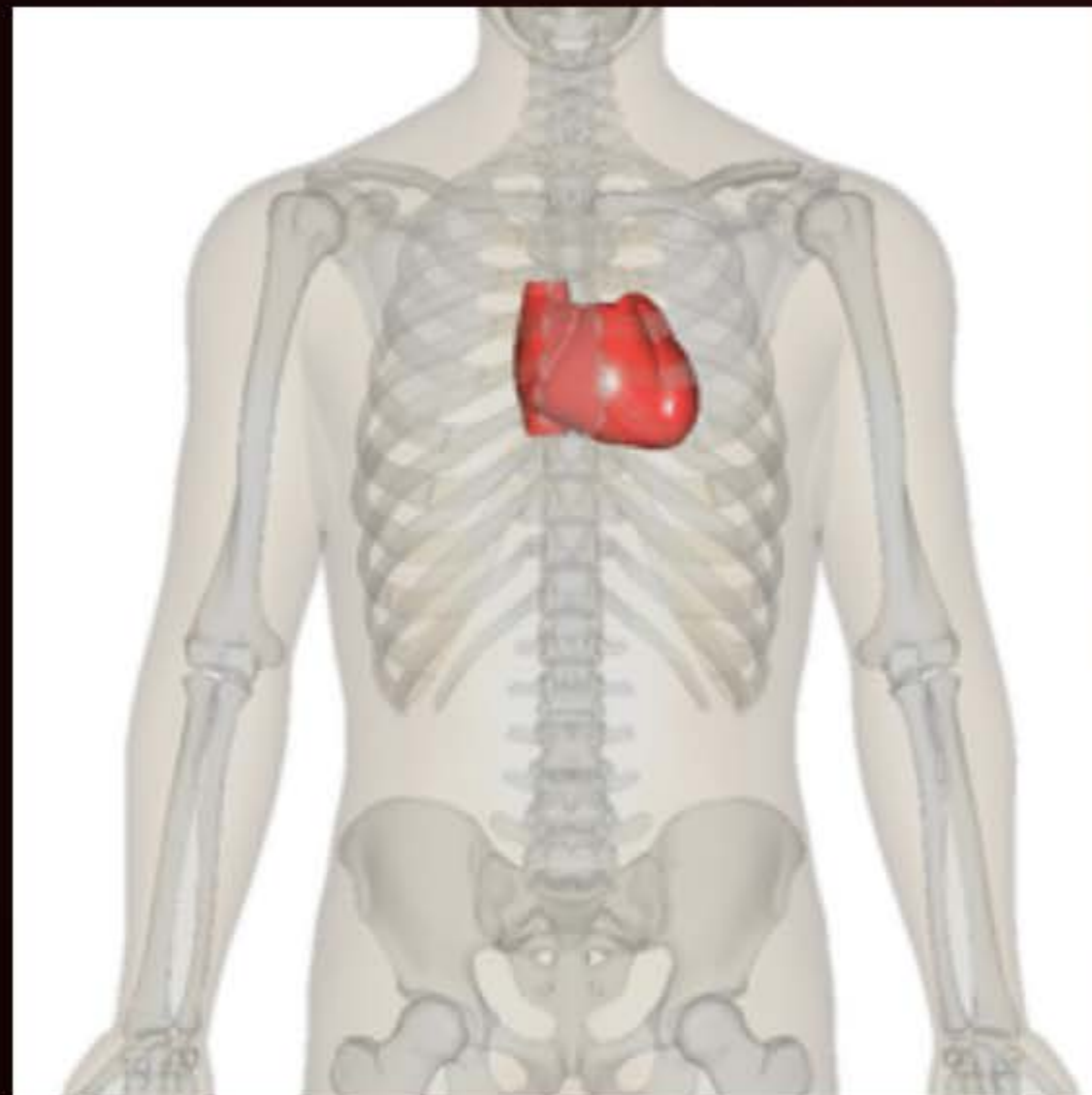
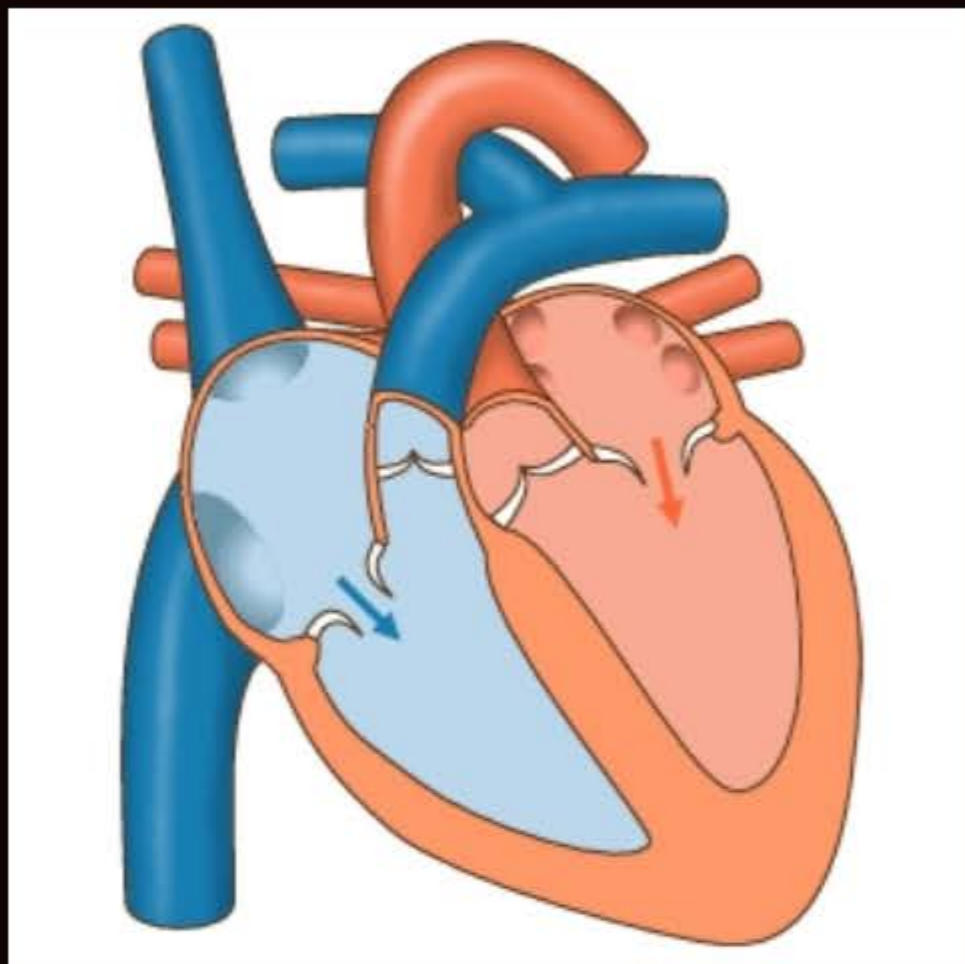





Change of Heart

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Heart

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1. Closed Heart
  2. Possessed Heart
  3. Hardened Heart

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Changed Hearts

Acts 16:5

NKJV



So the churches were  
strengthened in the faith,  
and increased in number  
daily.

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- Revival - Strengthened in Faith
  - Evangelism - Increased in Number  
Daily
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## Centurian Matt 8:11,12

- I myself am a man **under** authority
- with soldiers **under** me.
  1. **'Go'** - he goes;
  2. **'Come'** - he comes.
  3. **'Do this'** - he does it.

## 1 Samuel 3

1 the word of the Lord was precious in those days; there was **no open vision**.

19 And Samuel grew, and the Lord was with him, and did let none of his words fall to the ground.

20 And all Israel from Dan even to Beersheba knew that **Samuel was established to be a prophet of the Lord**.

21 And the Lord **appeared again** in Shiloh: for the Lord **revealed himself** to Samuel in Shiloh by the word of the Lord.

1 And **the word of Samuel came to all Israel**.

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Established

## Acts 16:6–9

NKJV



They were forbidden by the Holy Spirit to preach the word in Asia.

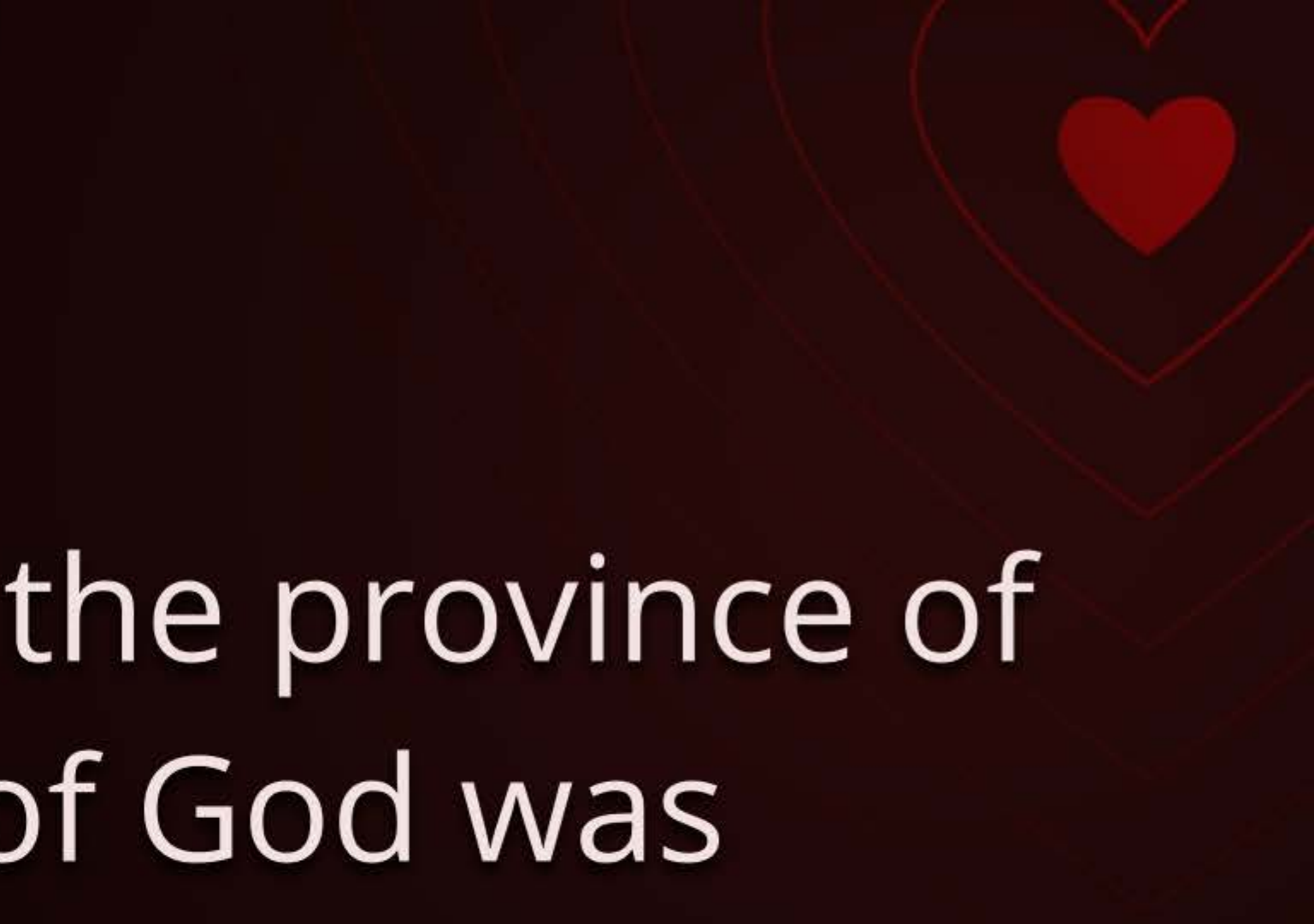
They tried to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit did not permit them.

And a vision appeared to Paul in the night. A man of Macedonia stood and pleaded with him, saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.”



**PAUL'S SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY**


- City
- One of the "Seven Churches" - Rev. 2-3
- Paul's Route

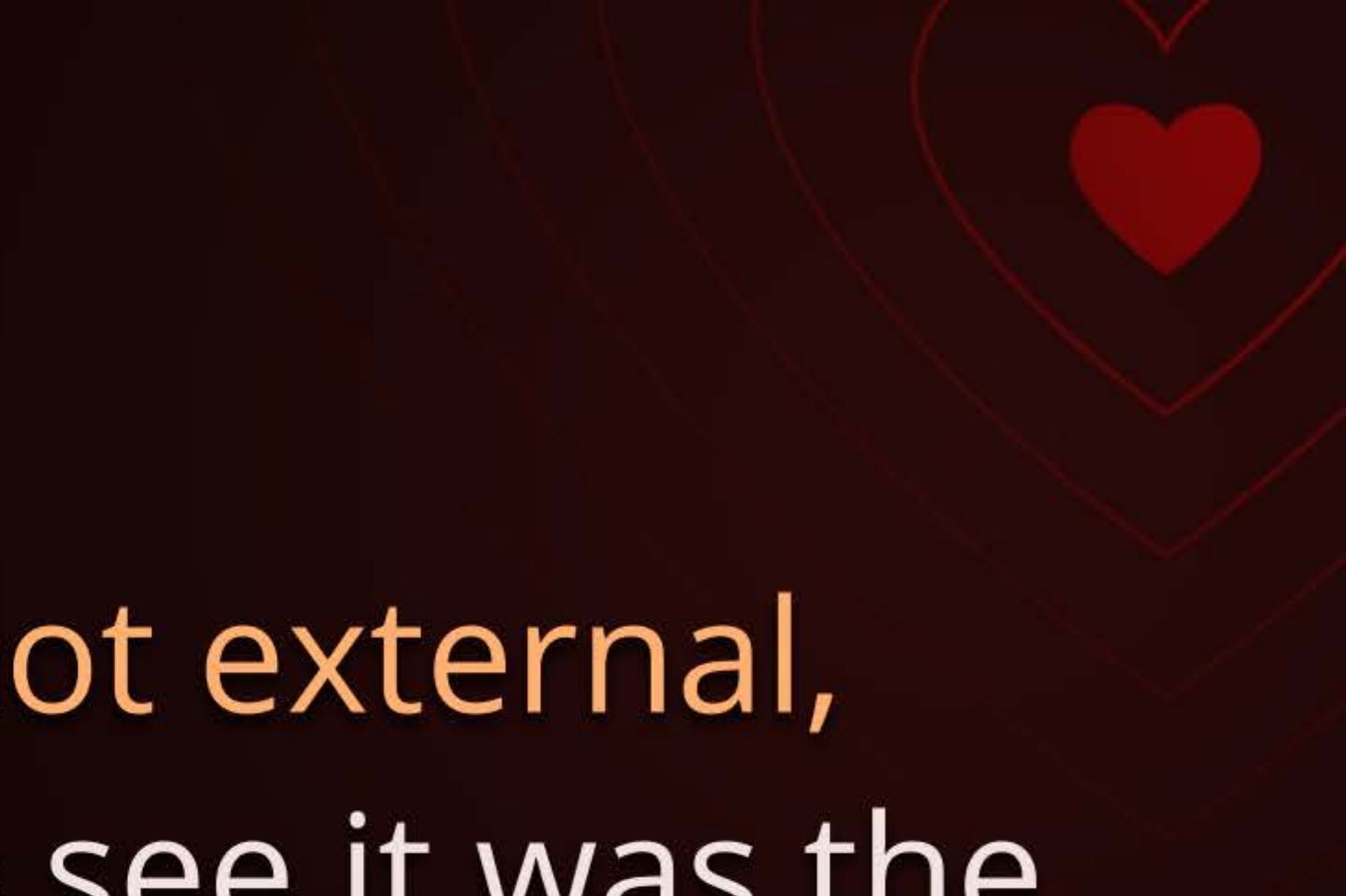


Philippi is the first city in the province of Europe where the word of God was ministered.

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Philippi

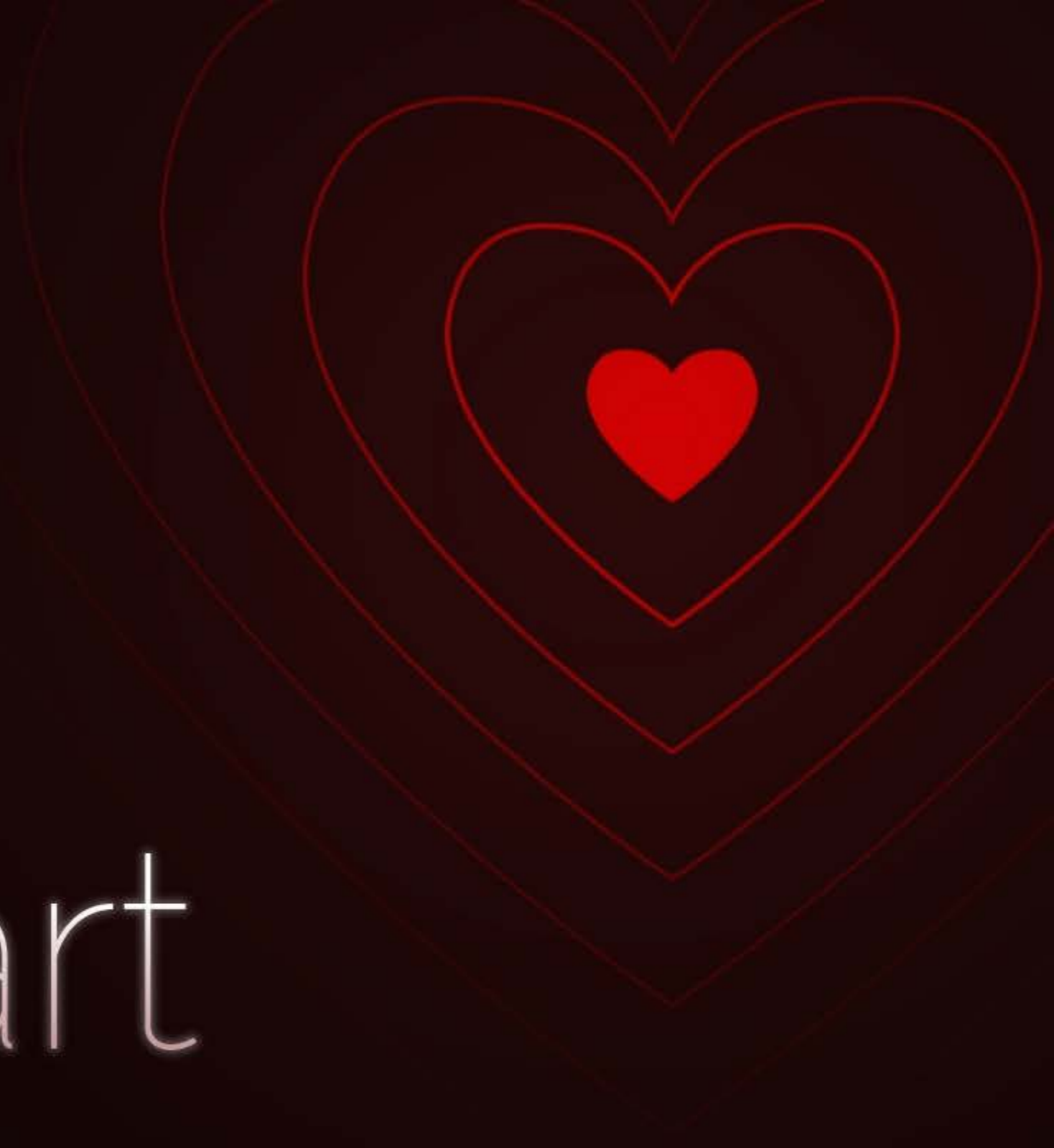
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- Book of Acts was written by Dr. Luke and he was referring to as 'them'.
  - But when he writes about the ministry in Philippi he mentions as 'we', 'we stayed', 'we spoke' (Acts.16:11,12)
  - Paul, Silas, Luke and Timothy ministered in the city of Philippi.



The transformation was not external,  
physical or mental but we see it was the  
transformation of the heart.

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Specialty of the Ministry



# Closed Heart

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Acts 16:14

Acts 16:14

NKJV

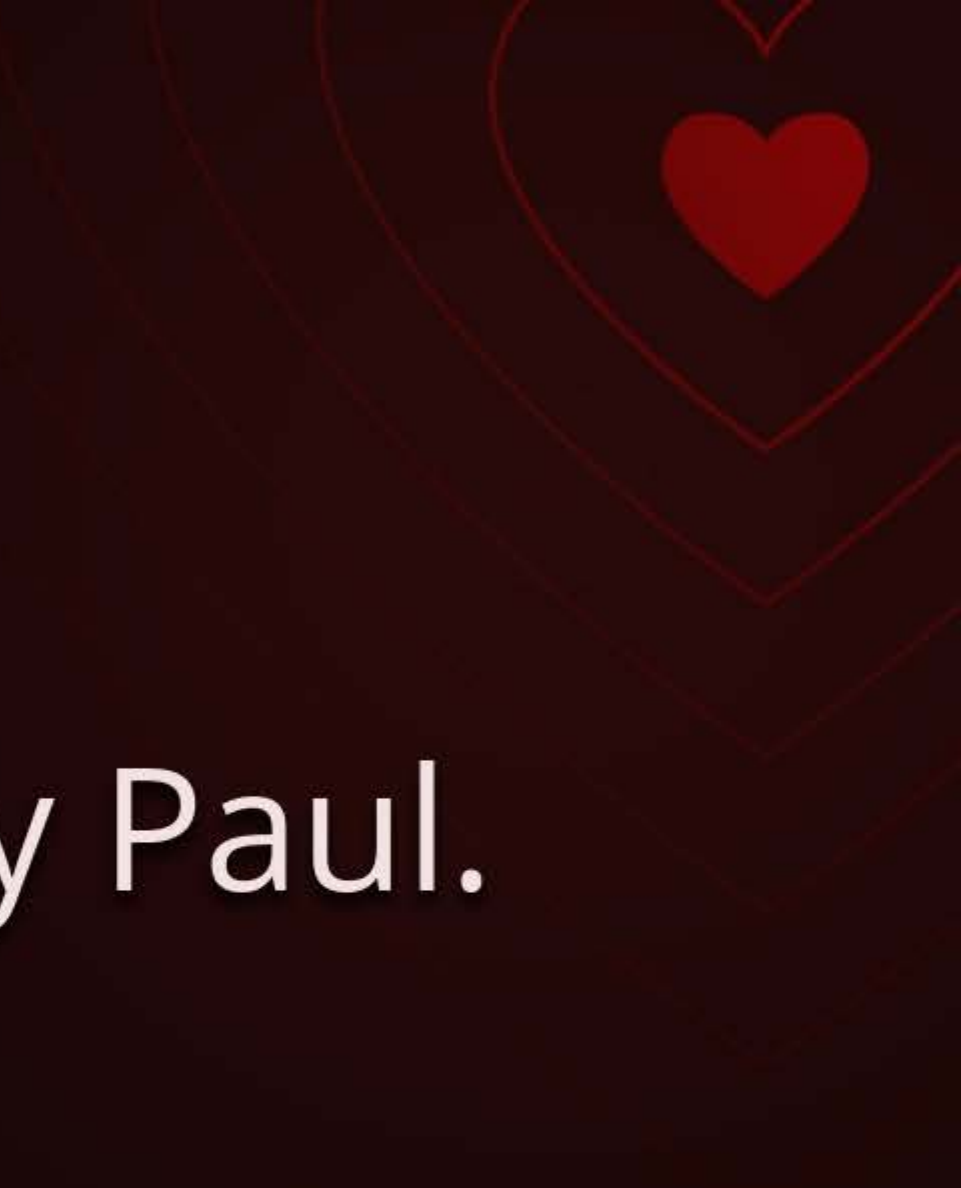


Now a certain woman named Lydia heard *us*. She was a seller of purple from the city of Thyatira, who worshiped God. The Lord **opened her heart** to heed the things **spoken by Paul.**

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- First preaches in synagogues and then to others
  - Jews were very few and no synagogue.
  - Riverside outside the city as a place of prayer.
  - Women were the first one to hear the gospel.

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## Riverside Ministry

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- Lydia - worshiper of God
  - The Lord opened her heart
  - to heed the things spoken by Paul.

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Worshipper of God

# Revelation 3:20

NKJV



Behold, I stand at the door  
and knock. If anyone hears  
My voice and **opens** the door,  
I will come in to him and **dine**  
**with him**, and **he with Me**.

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- Home opened for the ministry.
  - **'Come and stay at my house'** and she **persuaded** us.' (Acts .16:15)
  - How could she accept 4 strangers at home?
  - Is my heart open?
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# Possessed Heart

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Acts 16:18

Acts 16:16

NKJV



Now it happened, as we went to prayer, that a certain **slave** girl **possessed with a spirit** of divination met us, who brought her masters **much profit** by fortune-telling.

Acts 16:17

NKJV



This girl followed Paul and us,  
and cried out, saying, "These  
men are the servants of the  
Most High God, who proclaim  
to us the way of salvation."

Acts 16:18

NKJV



And this she did for many days.  
But Paul, greatly annoyed, turned  
and said to the spirit, "I command  
you in the name of Jesus Christ to  
come out of her." And he came out  
that very hour.



# Hardened Heart

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Acts 16:24

Acts 16:24

NKJV



Having received such a charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks.

- Some trained to be tough and rough - No mercy
- Paul and Silas were severely flogged and with bleeding wounds they were brought to prison.
- The jailer without any mercy on them fastened their feet in the stocks. After that he slept off.
- Other prisoners heard Paul and Silas praying and singing hymns but not the jailer.
- The violent earthquake made him to wake up.

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Hard Heart

When they could not receive any mercy or help from men, help came from heaven.

This earthquake did not cause any other damage but prison doors flew open, and everyone's chain came loose.

Have you heard about this kind of earthquake? Yes, it is a strange one. But definitely it was the help from God.

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Earth Quake

- If the prisoner's escape, jailor will be punished
- He attempted to suicide.
- Delayed a little, the jailer would have dead.
- The words of Paul made him to tremble.
- Made him to fall before Paul and Silas.
- Made his hardened heart to melt.

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Melted Heart

In Acts.16:33 we see that the jailer washed their wounds.

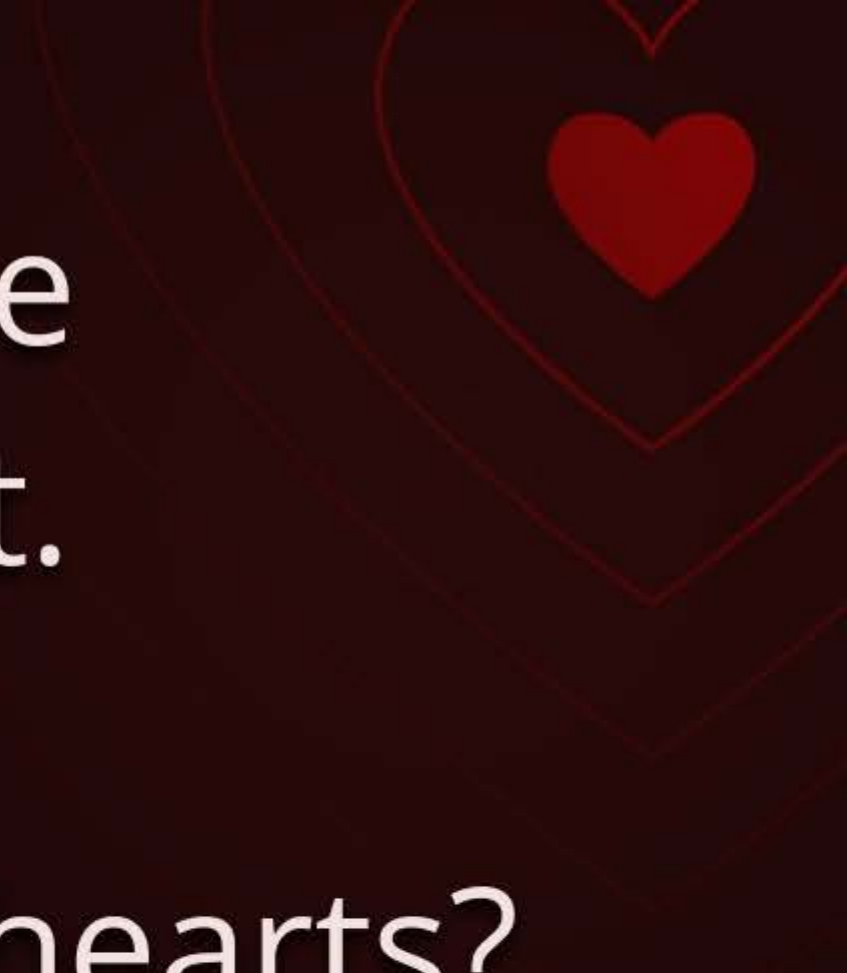
These were not new wounds,  
few hours back he had seen the same  
wounds!

But now his vision has changed, the reason  
was the change in his heart. His hardened  
heart has melted.

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Washed wounds





The words that the jailer washed the prisoner's wounds touched me a lot. In your family, in work do you see emotions like iron gates, merciless hearts? Meditate on this section. Look unto God. I desire and pray this miracle to happen in your life.

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Miracle for you

## Acts 16:31–32

NKJV



31 So they said, “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household.”

32 Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house.

## Acts 16:33–34

NKJV



33 And he took them **the same hour of the night** and washed *their* stripes. And **immediately** he and all his family were **baptized**.

34 Now when he had brought them into his house, he set food before them; and **he rejoiced**, having believed in God with all his household.

Acts 16:35–36

NKJV



35 And when it was day,  
the magistrates sent the  
officers, saying, “Let those  
men go.”