

Apostle Paul's  
Second Missionary Journey  
49 - 52 A.D.



# The witness in Greece

Paul's second trip

Mission is often pragmatic

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Pragmatic  
Sensible or realistic!  
Not religious

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Let's pretend  
we are Silas

# Saints are real people

- Even super saints
- Paul & Barnabas fall out
  - Over family
  - Over grace
- The Bible is real too!
- Paul not better than Barnabas
  - Pragmatically, he met Luke
- Silas feeling excited!



# Council decrees ignored

- Paul doesn't preach in Lystra
- Paul circumcises Timothy
  - Not for Law
  - To avoid distraction
- Later he writes it's ok to eat meat sacrificed to idols
- Silas begins to wonder



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- Nepal & Molesey
- God may lead us beyond our plans



# cultural confusion

- Headed for big town
- No synagogue, no clue...
- Talked with a few women
- Got frustrated
- Beaten & thrown into jail
- Travelled so far... for what?
  
- Silas feeling depressed?



# Pragmatic prayer & praise

- What else could they do?
- Turning point
- Breakout
  - Freedom
- Breakthrough
  - Confidence
- Silas, how are you feeling?



# So what?

- How is God leading you?
  - Choose to see his hand
  - Don't give up
- Need a turning point?
  - Set our minds on things above
  - Praise & pray
- God works a wonder
  - In our circumstances
  - Or our hearts
  - Probably both!

