

**Sermon Notes – January 17, 2016**  
**“Paul’s Favorite Church”**  
**Acts 16:6-40**  
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**Acts 16:6-12**

- How did Paul come to be in Philippi?
- What kind of planning and objective factors were involved?
- What elements seem more subjective or circumstantial?
- How did this fit with an overall objective of Paul’s that had nothing to do with geography? (see ends of verses 6 and 10)

**Verses 13-40**

- Note the various positive and negative experiences of Paul in Philippi.
- If you had similar experiences in association with a church, would this be among your favorite churches?

**Lydia (verses 13-15), a “slave girl” who behaved strangely (16-18), and the chief guard of the jail (22-34) are the only “church members” we are told about.**

- Which, if any, of these would you want as a charter member of your dream church?

**Paul calls the Philippian church “my joy and crown” (Phil. 4:1)**

- The letter itself drips with joy and love for the people there.
- On your own this week: read Philippians through in one sitting noting the words and expressions that indicate Paul’s joy and affection for this church.