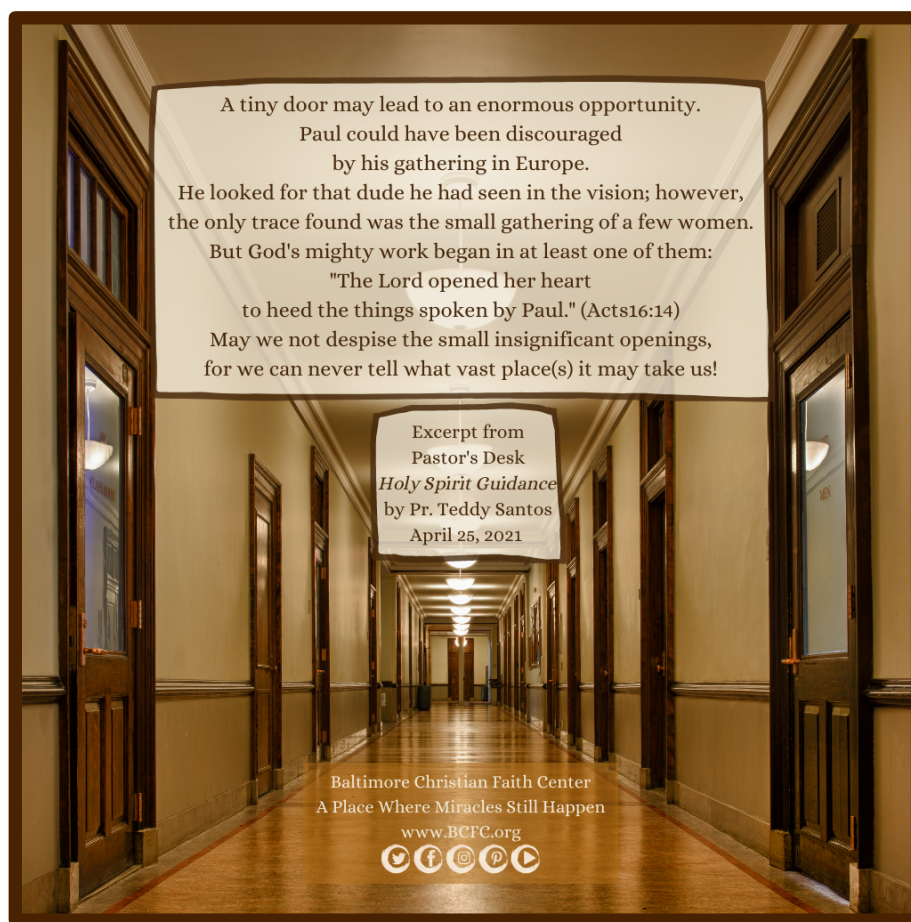


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Act 16:7-10 *"7 After they had come to Mysia, they tried to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit did not permit them. 8 So passing by Mysia, they came down to Troas. 9 And a vision appeared to Paul in the night. A man of Macedonia stood and pleaded with him, saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' 10 Now after he had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go to Macedonia, concluding that the Lord had called us to preach the gospel to them."*

The Spirit of our Lord frequently shuts doors in the long hallways of life. We move along, attempting one after another, but find that they are all locked so that we may access the one He has opened for us. Our Lord God speaks about this in **Rev 3:7-8** *"7 And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write, 'These things says He who is holy, He who is true, "HE WHO HAS THE KEY OF DAVID, HE WHO OPENS AND NO ONE SHUTS,*

AND SHUTS AND NO ONE OPENS": 8 "I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name.

When following the Spirit's guidance, at times, we seem to come to a brick wall (and boy, isn't that frustrating!). I could imagine that is how Paul felt - and while he slept that night in his humble lodging, in his dreams, a man from Macedonia, spoke to him.

Where our judgment can come to a suitable conclusion, maybe even on the suggestions of the Spirit of God, we ARE left to think out our vocation problems. **Please know that in your grasp are the elements needed for forming the proper judgment.** Practice them, balance the cons and the pros, always looking up to God to prevent you from doing the wrong thing. In fewer words: ACT! When you've concluded on a decision through prayer and faith, proceed without doubting nor looking back.

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