



#29 - ENCOUNTERING DEAD ENDS AND OPEN DOORS

"When he (God) opens a door, no one can close it. And when he closes it, no one can open it." **Revelation 3:7** (NCV)

- **God opens the door to the** \_\_\_\_\_.
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**1. GOD REQUIRES ME TO BE** \_\_\_\_\_.

Paul and his companions traveled throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word in the province of Asia. <sup>7</sup>When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to. <sup>8</sup>So they passed by Mysia and went down to Troas. **Acts 16:6 - 8** (NIV)

When the priests who are carrying the Ark touch the water with their feet, the river will stop flowing as though held back by a dam, and will pile up as though against an invisible wall!" Now it was the harvest season and the Jordan was overflowing all its banks; but as the people set out to cross the river and as the feet of the priests who were carrying the Ark touched the water at the river's edge, <sup>15-16</sup>suddenly, far up the river at the city of Adam, near Zarethan, the water began piling up as though against a dam! And the water below that point flowed on to the Dead Sea until the riverbed was empty. Then all the people crossed at a spot where the river was close to the city of Jericho." <sup>17</sup>and the priests who were carrying the Ark stood on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan and waited as all the people passed by. **Joshua 3:13-16** (TLB)

**2. GOD REQUIRES ME TO BE** \_\_\_\_\_.

During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." **Acts 16:9** (NIV)

- **Attentive to His** \_\_\_\_\_.

Fight against those who want to change It (the teachings). The right way to believe has been given to God's people once for all times. **Jude 1:3b** (WE)

- **Attentive to His** \_\_\_\_\_.

He (Levi) passed on to the people all the truth he got from me. He did not lie or cheat; he walked with me, living a good and righteous life, and turned many from their lives of sin. **Malachi 2:6-8** (TLB)

- **Attentive to His** \_\_\_\_\_.

Dearly loved friends, don't always believe everything you hear just because someone says it is a message from God: test it first to see if it really is. For there are many false teachers around. **1 John 4:1** (TLB)

**3. GOD REQUIRES ME TO BE** \_\_\_\_\_.

After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them. <sup>11</sup>From Troas we put out to sea and sailed straight for Samothrace, and the next day we went on to Neapolis. <sup>12</sup>From there we traveled to Philippi, a Roman colony and the leading city of that district<sup>[a]</sup> of Macedonia. And we stayed there several days... **Acts 16:10 - 12** (NIV)

- **God does not move the** \_\_\_\_\_ **he moves the** \_\_\_\_\_.

....not only has God opened a significant door here for me to serve ... there is a lot of opposition against me. **1 Corinthians 16:9** (VOICE)

**4. GOD REQUIRES ME TO BE** \_\_\_\_\_.

- **I am called to be authentic in** \_\_\_\_\_.

On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there. **Acts 16:11- 13** (NIV)

- **I am called to be authentic with** \_\_\_\_\_.

One of those listening was a woman from the city of Thyatira named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message. <sup>15</sup>When she and the members of her household were baptized, she invited us to her home. "If you consider me a believer in the Lord," she said, "come and stay at my house." **Acts 16:14 - 16** (NIV)

- **I am called to be authentic in** \_\_\_\_\_.

Picture this: It's midnight. In the darkness of their cell, Paul and Silas—after surviving the severe beating—aren't moaning and groaning; they're praying and singing hymns to God. The prisoners in adjoining cells are wide awake, listening to them pray and sing. **Acts 16:25** (VOICE)