

**Main Points**

1. V. 1: By faith—without fear—Paul follows God’s call to service
2. Vv. 1-3: Timothy becomes Paul’s perfect companion: great background, great reputation, great potential!
  - 2.1. Mom and grandma “release” him
  - 2.2. Circumcised because of his Christ-like love for others
  - 2.3. Save people, not preferences
3. Vv. 4-5: Serving success! Christians strengthened and churches grew.
4. Vv. 6-8: “Stop! Not Asia”
  - 4.1. Paul’s plan wasn’t God’s: Providence over presumption
  - 4.2. They served where God put them
5. Vv. 9-10: “Go! To Europe”
  - 5.1. God moved them in His time
  - 5.2. Their hearts were unified

**Personal Notes****Life Group Discussion**

1. 1st Corinthians 9 speaks of Paul becoming all thing to all men in order to share the Gospel... share your experience about meeting others *where they were* to share Jesus. (Maybe God has you in a place like that now?)
2. How has the Lord challenged you to be content where you are, though you might not be where you’d like to be?
3. Remember that serving our Master is a key part of the Christian walk: share words of encouragement or examples of perseverance with others. (E.g. “I almost quit serving when things got tough, BUT God gave me strength...”)
4. EXTRA!: If you could serve the Lord wherever/however you wanted, what would you want to do? Why?

**Devotional & Study Verses**

1. 1 Cor. 9:20,22-23
2. Luke 22:42; Isa. 55:9; Jer. 29:11
3. John 17:23

