

Footsteps of Paul 2017

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Introduction

- * Jill & I were blessed to be gifted a “Footsteps of Paul” Tour of Greece.
- * It was to be a blessing to get to be part/tour rather than lead/tour, looking forward to it
- * Met with friends who had went, perused through their books and tour info
- * Began reading Acts 16- in preparation.

Tour Sights & Experiences

Acts 16:1-10 – Antioch to Troas

Acts 16:11-12 – Troas, Smoothrace, Neopolis, Philippi

Acts 16:13-15 – Paul preaching at the river, Lydia and her household were baptized

Acts 16:16-20 – Paul/Slave girl, cast out demons, dragged to marketplace – magistrates

* Marketplace = Agora;

* Magistrates = Gk/*strategos* /strat·ay·gos/] **1** the commander of an army. **2** in the NT a civic commander, a governor. 2a the name the highest magistrate in the municipia or colonies; they had the power of administering justice in the less important cases.

Acts 16:25-40 – Beating * Imprisonment, Philippian Jailer, refusal to depart, Lydia’s, depart

Acts 17:1 – Amphipolis, Apollonia, Thessalonica (Thessalonikkii)

Acts 17:2-9 – Paul reasoned/synagogue, crowd/marketplace (agora), Paul/Silas to Berea

Acts 17:10-15 – Into synagogue, more fairminded, received/readiness/searched scriptures, Jews from Thessalonica came, stirred up crowds, took Paul to sea/conducted to Athens

Battle of Thermopylae (480 B.C.) - King Leonidas of Sparta & 300 Men held off the 1.7 million Persian Empire Army of Xerxes I (Daniel 11, Esther)

Acts 17:16-34 – Paul in Athens, reasoned Jews/synagogue, Gentiles/Marketplace, Invited to the Areopagus/Epicurean/Stoic philosophers, “Men of Athens, I perceive/very religious...”

New Tour Began – Tour of Faith - Wednesday a TIA (Experience & Scriptures)

* 1st Sign of Stroke

* Lobby – 20 Drs, Neurosurgeon, Mike C. 25 yr Gen. Surgeon, 20 yr/Mission field/Kenya

* Totally Paralyzed, BUT Jill/I were both at complete peace – Hudson’s Spiritual Secret!!!

* Me - **2 Timothy 2:13** - If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself.

* Jill – “I have just to roll the burden on the Lord.” (Pg 212-213)

MRI –

* Losing ability to speak – Talk with Jill, I love you, love the kids...

* Me - Terri Danburg; Trust/Living Will – Bill Frazier/Estate Planning Class/Living Will...

* Go to list – Me, Jill, Ricky, Anna, Church

* **Jill – Mike Chupp** – Your wife is a ROCK. You were in serious condition, had just called to say “I love you, tell the kids I love you.” She came out and when she told your daughter, I could hear your daughter emotional response, and then I had tears running down my face as I heard here calming your daughter down, and then leading her in prayer!

Next Day (Thursday) – Decision to have the surgery?

Proverbs 3:5–6 (Jill’s Verse, Trevor, Driss N. Africa) - Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; **6** In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.

* Dr. Christoforidis, Nassis, Dr. Mike Chupp, Wisdom – CMDA Network/Mayo Clinic!!!

Friday – Sunday

* Jonas

* Ricky – Maggie, Erika, Flight, Friday afternoon

* Travis Spencer – Ricky internet, Rob Douglass (CA), Phil Twenty (Israel)

* Time with Doctors, CMDA visits, Jerry, Dan, Trevor, Ivan, Nathan, Steve, Heather \$/Cell

Preparing to Go into Surgery

* **Saturday - Isaiah 32:17** The work of righteousness will be peace, And the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance forever.

* Watching Sunday Services live – Dan asking to people to

After the Surgery:

Ephesians 5:20 - giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Witnessing Opportunities & Scriptures

Dr. Christoforidis

* Dr. Mike’s Chupp’s prayer Dr. Michael stated: “I am a religious man but I have never seen a doctor pray at the bedside for his patient. Thank you, Dr. Chupp, that was wonderful.”

* Dr. Christo explained I believe in God told us/later showed Jill & I his Healing Icon

* Came to see me at least once every day, talked – became a very close friend

Jonas – Friday

* Lunch – Wife/blockage, Cruise/life flight, no money, no insurance, no hope...Jill/check

* Saturday – Lobby, CMDA visitors, “I Gotta Tell you/daughter, money, insurance”, Prayed!

* Sunday – Shared Matthew/Levi – Jewish, Jesus/fulfillment, Israel/Guy/Amir/Holocaust

* Prayed/thanksgiving every day – Susan’s condition, get better, surgery, **Mk 2:17**, Salvation

Travis Spencer

* Ricky, Internet, Rob Douglass, Phil Twenty(Israel) – Travis Spencer

* Visited, Sat w/Ricky/Erika during surgery, Banana Bread, Fellowship/Ricky, Greek N.T.’s!

Dr. Nassis

- * Friday, Conversation, what kind of pastor, church, what do you believe...
- * I am jealous of you, I know your diagnosis, surgery foreign country, talk with me like you have no care in the world, and have such peace.
- * I asked him, "What do you believe?"
- * Jesus is the cleansing agent to allow us to come into heaven, cleansed of sin!

Gift of Greek N. T.'s and Letter

Elena

- * Guest book, I wrote in it, My wife and I were on a Footsteps of Paul Tour, had to come to your hospital, and I am now able to say to you, what the Apostle Paul wrote to believer in Philippi, Greece, **Philippians 1:3** - I thank my God upon every remembrance of you,
- * You were all a gift from God to us, Dr's, (Christo/Nassis), Nurses (2 Katrina's, 2 Anna's, Vicki, O. R. staff Sophia/Anesthesiologist...Cafeteria ladies, Cleaning ladies, Billing Office/Elena...
- * Telling Travis Spencer, Missionary, about the book, hope was witness...
- * In burst Elena - You forgot me!!! Fix it!!! What I loved most about what you wrote, was those words you wrote about thanking God and remembering us...
- * Travis got to share with her in Greek!!!

Last Picture – Dr. Michalis. (George) Christoforidis, Rick, Jill, Dr. Georgio (Jim) Nassis

Last Encouragement – encouragement from worship!!!

- * New song - "As It Is" Hillsong Worship

LW during announcements - "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you – CCSG

TW – Jill and I can truly say,

Philippians 1:3 'I thank God upon remembrance of you' – Greece

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