

## 7—The Invisable Hedge

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### INTRO:

#### I. → Acts 16:6-10

*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.*

*→ 7 When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but the **Spirit of Jesus** would **not allow** them to. So they passed by Mysia and went down to Troas.*

*→ 9 During the night Paul **had a vision** of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." 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.*

II. Luke only met them because the Spirit was leading them

### BODY:

#### I. **A Guard of Security**

*having been **kept** by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word*  
Grk (*kulúo*) to forbid, prevent, hinder

A. The Spirit can hedge us from going down the wrong path.

##### 1) **Hosea 2:6-7**

*"Therefore, behold, I will hedge up your way with thorns, and wall her in, so that she cannot find her paths. She will chase her lovers, but not overtake them; yes, she will seek them, but not find them." (NKJV)*

2) Heb (*suwk*) to entwine, to close in

3) Jeff Tuck—"Is the Devil Allergic to Shrubbery?"

4) **THE CAPTAIN AROUND OUR HOUSE IN COLOMBIA**

B. If we heed His voice He will warn us from danger.

1) **Matthew 2:22-23**

*Having been warned in a dream, he withdrew to the district of Galilee, and he went and lived in a town called Nazareth.*

2) LEAVING MY BIKE AT THE LIBRARY

## II. A Guide to Safety

they tried to enter Bithynia, but the **Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to** Grk (eáo) permit, allow

A. Sometimes the answer to prayer will be a closed door.

1) **Numbers 22:32**

*The angel of the LORD asked him, "Why have you beaten your donkey these three times? I have come here to oppose you because your path is a reckless one before me."*

2) JACK ANDERSON TIGER STORY

B. The Spirit of Jesus can lead us at every turn in the road.

1) **2 Corinthians 2:12-13**

*Now when I went to Troas to preach the gospel of Christ and found that the Lord had opened a **door** for me, I still had no **peace** of mind, because I did not find my brother Titus there.*

2) PILOT GUIDING THE SHIP DOWN THE RIVER

## III. A Vision of Success

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

A. When the vision is of God we have nothing to fear.

1) **Acts 18:9-10**

*One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision: "Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent. For I am with you, and no one is going to attack and harm you, because I have many people in this city."*

2) THE MESSENGER—THE SIGN

B. When God closes the door He always opens another.

1) **Revelation 3:7**

*“These are the words of him who is holy and true, who holds the key of David. What he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open.”*

2) **SPONSORING THE AMERICAS MISSIONARY RETREAT**

### **OTHER SCRIPTURES:**

Job 1:10

“Have you not put a hedge around him and his household and everything he has? You have blessed the work of his hands, so that his flocks and herds are spread throughout the land.”

Ezekiel 12:2

Son of man, you are living among a rebellious people. They have eyes to see but do not see and ears to hear but do not hear, for they are a rebellious people.

Mark 16:17-18

“And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well.”