

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*I Say to You:  
Hearing the  
Voice of  
God*

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WEEK THREE

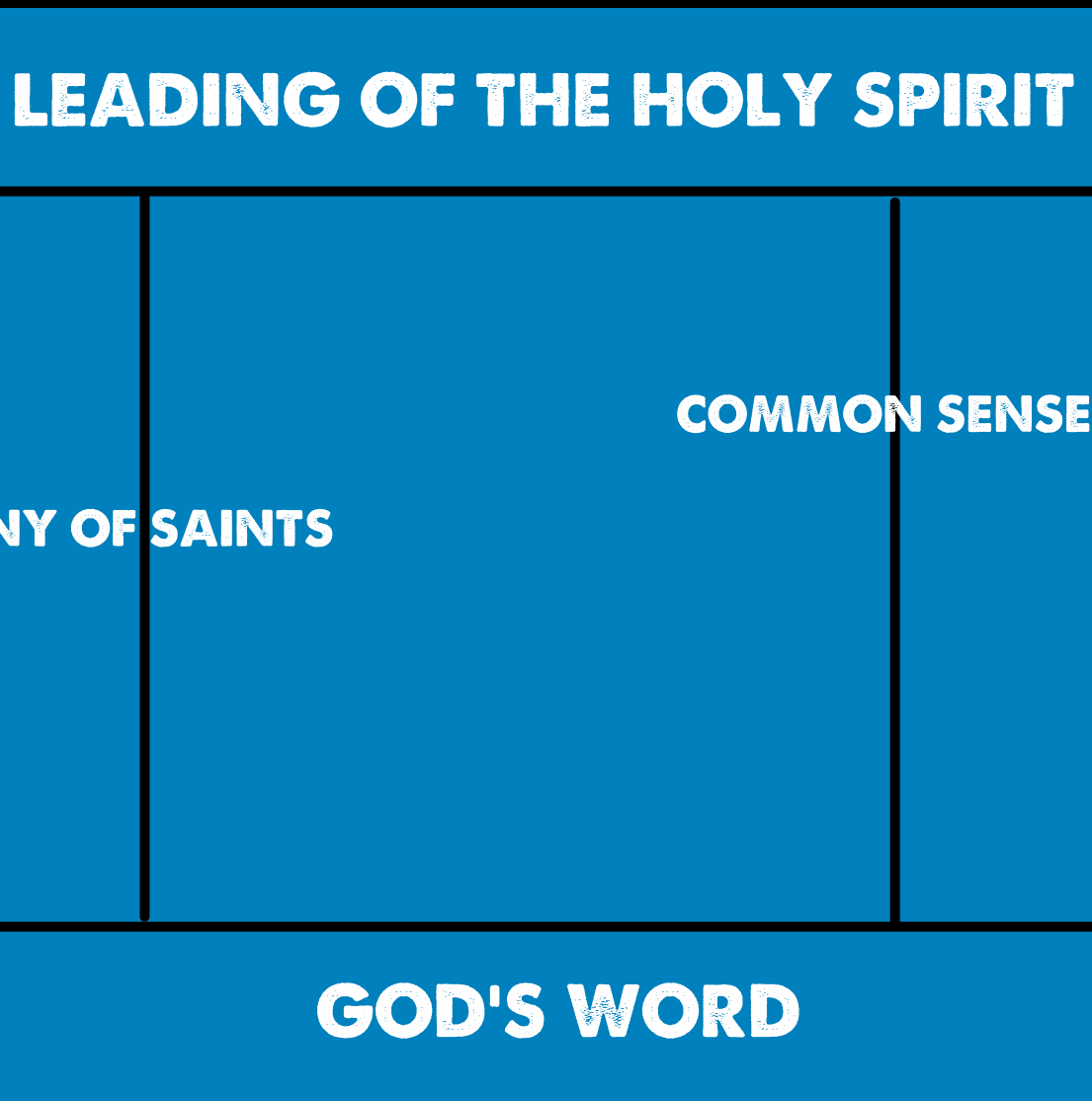
# I SAY TO YOU; WEEK THREE

Pastor Bryan Eckelmann is diving into week three of our series, "I Say to You" with a look at Acts 16:6-10. Paul and his companions had been experiencing some hurdles from their traveling throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia (Asia). Thus we see the story take a turn, an option open up, in which Paul and his companions were not expecting! They were about to go WEST?! This would be the very first time the gospel goes into the west, a brand new mission field, uncharted territory for Paul and his crew!

- What stood out most about Bryan's sermon?
- Read Acts 16:6-10:
- Why is this happening in the text and what does it mean?
- What specific stands out to you about these two passages



Bryan's Diagram From Sunday





**The removals of ministers, and the dispensing the means of grace by them, are in particular under Divine conduct and direction. We must follow Providence: and whatever we seek to do, if that suffer us not, we ought to submit and believe to be for the best. People greatly need help for their souls, it is their duty to look out for it, and to invite those among them who can help them. And God's calls must be complied with readily. A solemn assembly the worshippers of God must have, if possible, upon the sabbath day. If we have not synagogues, we must be thankful for more private places, and resort to them; not forsaking the assembling together, as our opportunities are. Among the hearers of Paul was a woman, named Lydia. She had an honest calling, which the historian notices to her praise. Yet though she had a calling to mind, she found time to improve advantages for her soul. It will not excuse us from religious duties, to say, We have a trade to mind; for have not we also a God to serve, and souls to look after? Religion does not call us from our business in the world, but directs us in it. Pride, prejudice, and sin shut out the truths of God, till his grace makes way for them into the understanding and affections; and the Lord alone can open the heart to receive and believe his word. We must believe in Jesus Christ; there is no coming to God as a Father, but by the Son as Mediator.**



# ***DISCUSS WITH YOUR GROUP***

- Where is your Macedonia?
  - Is God calling you into something you did not expect? If so, what is the process of listening like?
  - Maybe God is calling you to new commitments?
- How do you think this passage expresses ways the Holy Spirit may speak?
- Have you experience the Holy Spirit shut doors in your life that may have led to something unexpected?
- Why does this text matter or how does it relate to your life?

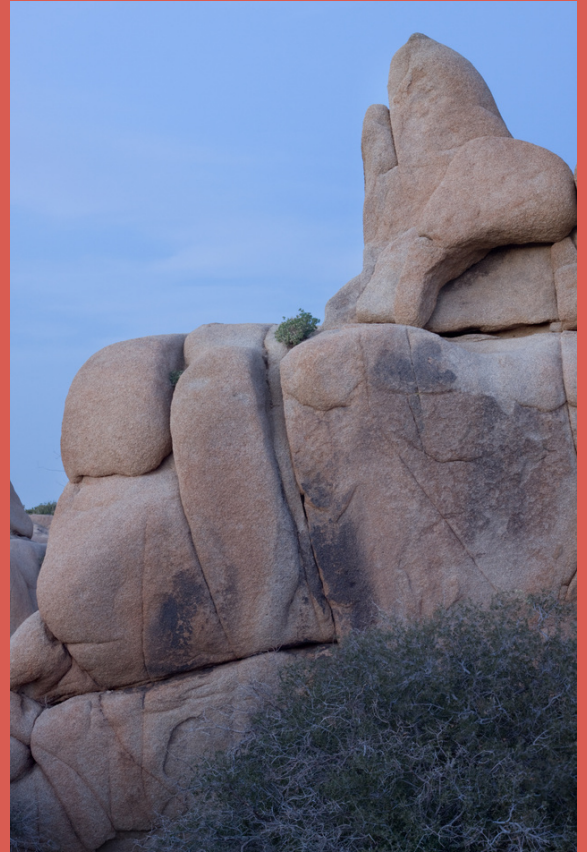
24 After he was weaned, she took the boy with her, young as he was, along with a three-year-old bull, [e] an ephah [f] of flour and a skin of wine, and brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh. 25 When the bull had been sacrificed, they brought the boy to Eli, 26 and she said to him, "Pardon me, my lord. As surely as you live, I am the woman who stood here beside you praying to the Lord. 27 I prayed for this child, and the Lord has granted me what I asked of him. 28 So now I give him to the Lord. For his whole life he will be given over to the Lord." And he worshiped the Lord there.



# FINAL THOUGHTS

Take a final few minutes to apply this passage to your lives:

- How can you apply this passage and sermon to your life in relation to giving?
- How might God be inviting you to reconsider how you give?
- What does/would extravagant giving look like in your life?



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