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“Acts: God’s Friends, His Power, & the Ends of the Earth,” pt 19



Acts 16:4 As they went from town to town,
they delivered to them for observance the
decisions that had been reached by the
apostles and elders who were in Jerusalem.

Acts 16:5 So the churches were strengthened
in the faith and increased in numbers daily.



Acts 16:6 ¶ They went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia.

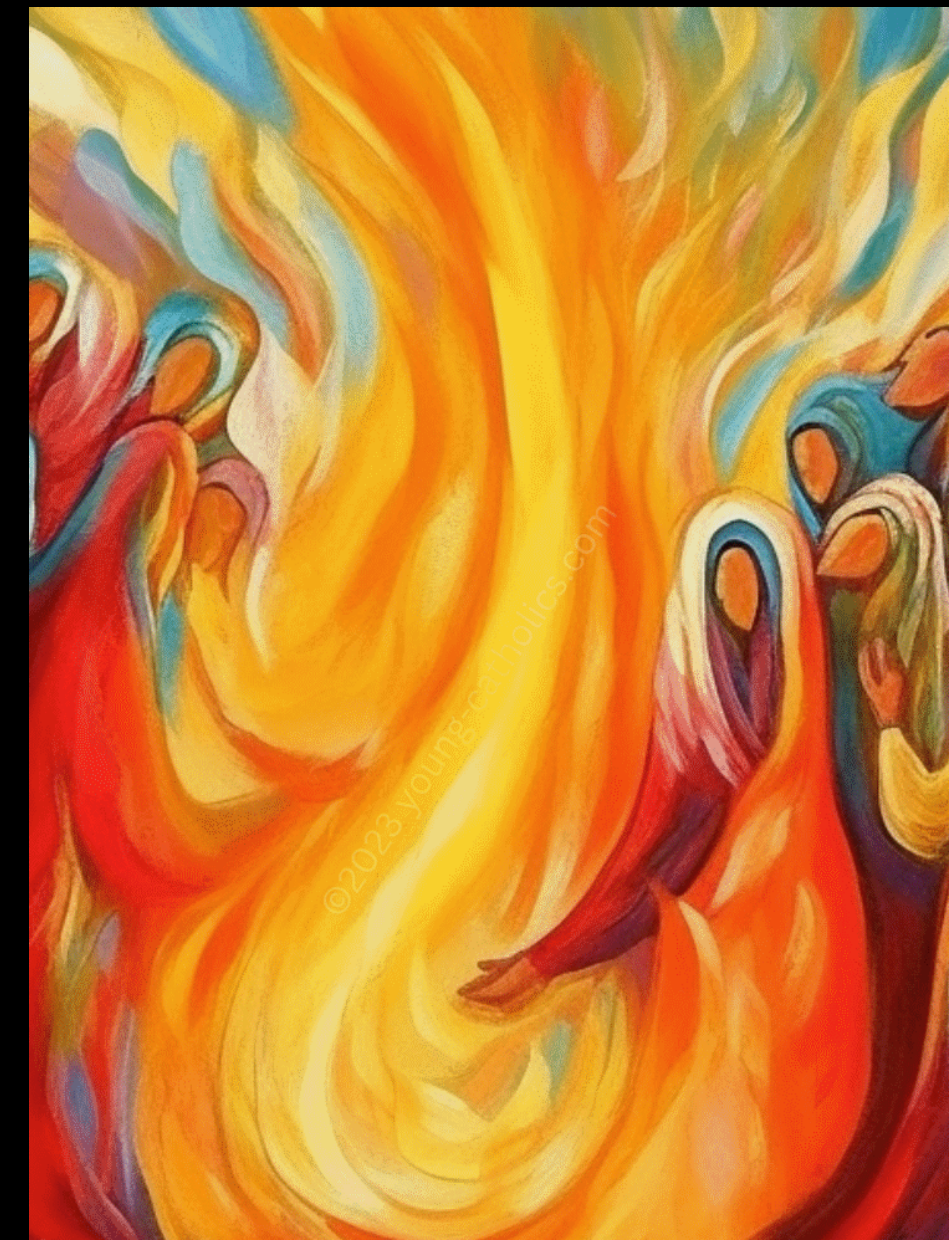
Acts 16:7 When they had come opposite Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them;

Acts 16:8 so, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas.



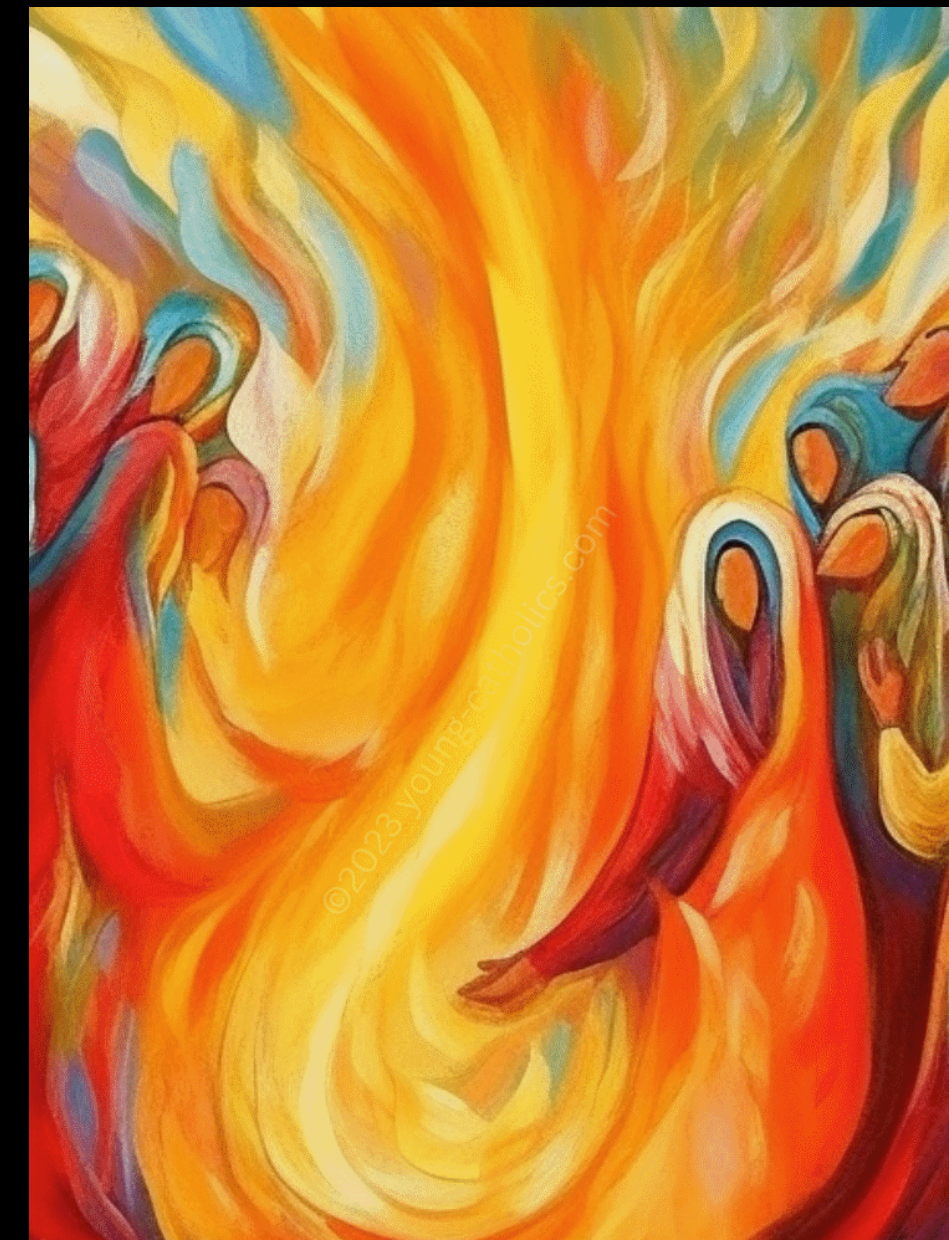
Acts 16:9 During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us."

Acts 16:10 When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.



Acts 16:12 and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days.

Acts 16:13 On the Sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there.



Acts 16:14 A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul.

Acts 16:15 When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.



Acts 16:16 ¶ One day as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a female slave who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling.



Acts 16:17 While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you^k the way of salvation."

Acts 16:18 She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.



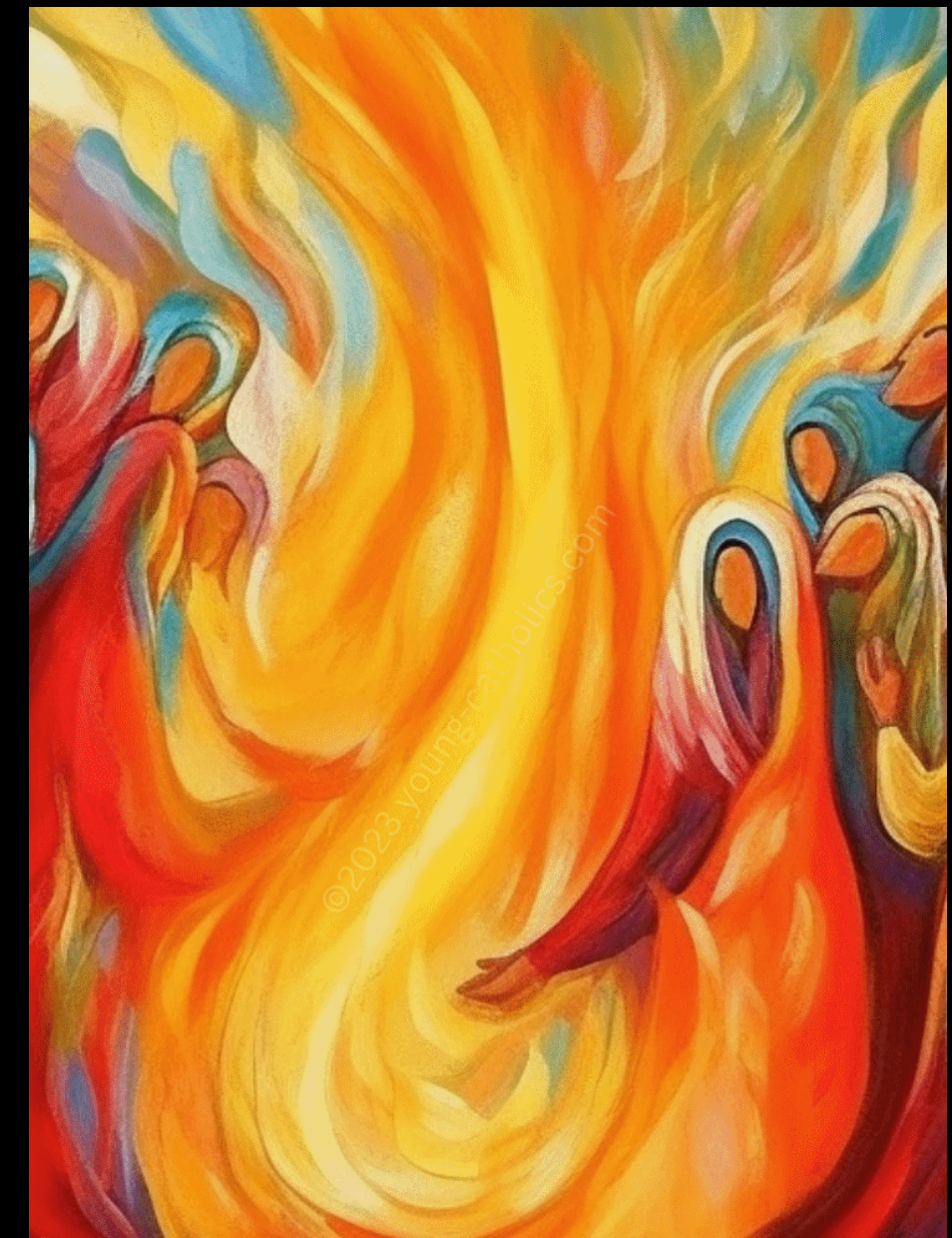
Acts 16:19 ¶ But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities.*

Acts 16:20 When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, “These men, these Jews, are disturbing our city*.”

Acts 16:21 and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us, being Romans, to adopt or observe.”



Acts 16:22 The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods.



Acts 16:23 After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely.



Acts 16:24 Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.



Acts 16:25 ¶ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them.



Acts 16:26 Suddenly there was an earthquake so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken, and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened.



Acts 16:27 When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped.



Acts 16:28 But Paul
shouted in a loud voice,
“Do not harm yourself,
for we are all here.”



Acts 16:29 The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas.

Acts 16:30 Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"



Acts 16:31 They answered, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.”

Acts 16:32 They spoke the word of the Lord^m to him and to all who were in his house.



Acts 16:33 At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay.

Acts 16:34 He brought them up into the house and set food before them, and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.



Rev. 13:9 ¶ Let anyone who has an ear
listen:

Rev. 13:10 ¶ If you are to be taken captive,
into captivity you go;
if you kill with the sword,
with the sword you must be killed.

Here is a call for the endurance and faith
of the saints.



Acts 16:40 After leaving the prison they went to Lydia's home, and when they had seen and encouraged the brothers and sisters there, they departed.



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