

Conflict in the Gentile Mission, Part 1— Acts 16
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Before his second missionary journey, Paul's conflicts are mainly with the Jews who fight back against his preaching. But on his second and third journeys, Paul finds himself the subject of attacks within the Gentile world. When we read Acts 16 , we are encouraged by what the Lord does for his witnesses in the midst of severe persecution, as they rest with confidence in his care for them.

1. The Sources of Conflict (16:16–24)
 - a. Conflict with the Devil (vv. 16–18)

 - b. Conflict with the Influential (vv. 19–22a)

 - c. Conflict with the Government (vv. 22b–24)

2. Paul and Silas's Response to the Conflict (16:25)

3. God's Response to the Conflict (16:26–40)
 - a. The Devil Defeated (vv. 26–32)

 - b. The Influential Converted (vv. 33–34)

 - c. The Government Managed (vv. 35–40)