Jeremiah 29:11 (AMP)

**11**For I know the plans *and* thoughts that I have for you,’ says the Lord, ‘plans for peace *and* well-being and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.

**6**Now they passed through the territory of Phrygia and Galatia, after being forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in [the west coast province of] Asia [Minor]; **7**and after they came to Mysia, they tried to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not permit them; **8**so passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas. **9**Then a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man from [the Roman province of] [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Acts+16&version=AMP)]Macedonia was standing and pleading with him, saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us!” **10**And when he had seen the vision, [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Acts+16&version=AMP)]we (including Luke) tried to go on into Macedonia at once, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them. **11**So setting sail from Troas, we ran a direct course to Samothrace, and the next day [went on] to Neapolis; **12**and from there [we came] to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia, a *Roman* colony. We stayed on in this city for several days; **13**and on the Sabbath day we went outside the city gate to the bank of the [Gangites] river, where we thought there would be a [[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Acts+16&version=AMP)]place of prayer, and we sat down and began speaking to the women who had come there. **14**A woman named [[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Acts+16&version=AMP)]Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a dealer in [[e](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Acts+16&version=AMP)]purple fabrics who was [already] a worshiper of God, listened to us; and the Lord opened her heart to pay attention *and* to respond to the things said by Paul. **15**And when she was baptized, along with her household, she pleaded with us, saying, “If you have judged me *and* decided that I am faithful to the Lord [a true believer], come to my house and stay.” And she persuaded us. **16**It happened that as we were on our way to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave-girl who had [[f](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Acts+16&version=AMP)]a spirit of divination [that is, a demonic spirit claiming to foretell the future and discover hidden knowledge], and she brought her owners a good profit by fortune-telling. **17**She followed after Paul and us and kept screaming *and* shouting, “These men are servants of the Most High God! They are proclaiming to you the way of salvation!” **18**She continued doing this for several days. Then Paul, being greatly annoyed *and* worn out, turned and said to the spirit [inside her], “I command you in the name of Jesus Christ [as His representative] to come out of her!” And it came out at that very moment. **19**But when her owners saw that their hope of profit was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them before the authorities in the market place [where trials were held], **20**and when they had brought them before the chief magistrates, they said, “These men, who are Jews, are throwing our city into confusion *and* causing trouble. **21**They are publicly teaching customs which are unlawful for us, as Romans, to accept or observe.” **22**The crowd also joined in the attack against them, and the chief magistrates tore their robes off them and ordered that Paul and Silas be beaten with rods. **23**After striking them many times [with the rods], they threw them into prison, commanding the jailer to guard them securely. **24**He, having received such a [strict] command, threw them into the inner prison (dungeon) and fastened their feet in the stocks [in an agonizing position]. **25**But about midnight when Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns of praise to God, and the prisoners were listening to them; **26**suddenly there was a great earthquake, so [powerful] that the very foundations of the prison were shaken and at once all the doors were opened and everyone’s chains were unfastened. **27**When the jailer, shaken out of sleep, saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, thinking that the prisoners had escaped. **28**But Paul shouted, saying, “Do not hurt yourself, we are all here!” **29**Then the jailer called for torches and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas, **30**and after he brought them out [of the inner prison], he said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” **31**And they answered, “Believe in the Lord Jesus [as your personal Savior and entrust yourself to Him] and you will be saved, you and your household [if they also believe].” **32**And they spoke the word of the Lord [concerning eternal salvation through faith in Christ] to him and to all who were in his house. **33**And he took them that *very* hour of the night and washed their *bloody* wounds, and immediately he was baptized, he and all his *household*. **34**Then he brought them into his house and set food before them, and rejoiced greatly, since he had believed in God with his entire family [accepting with joy been made known to them about the Christ].