



"The Lord's Commitment to Save All Types of People-Pt. 1"

In Acts 16:5-40, there are 2 confidence building ways that the Lord demonstrates a commitment to save all types of people:

(Isaiah 50:2)

I. The Lord Providentially Guides—vv.5-13

1. Through closing doors—vv.5-8

(Prov 16:9; James 4:13-17)

2. Through opening doors—vv.9-13

(Col 4:2-6; Acts 14:27)

God's providence - the unceasing activity of the Creator whereby, in overflowing bounty and goodwill (Ps. 145:9 cf. Mt. 5:45-48), he upholds his creatures in ordered existence (Acts 17:28; Col. 1:17; Heb. 1:3), guides and governs all events, circumstances and free acts of angels and men (cf. Ps. 107; Jb.1:12; 2:6; Gn. 45:5-8), and directs everything to its appointed goal for his own glory (cf. Eph. 1:9-12). (J.I. Packer, "Providence," in New Bible Dictionary, ed. D. R. W. Wood et.al. (Leicester, England; Downers Grove, Il.,; InterVarsity Press, 1996), 979.)