

Acts

The story of the church

Methods of the Holy Spirit

1) The work of the Holy Spirit precedes us, continues through us, and carries on after us.

The Holy Spirit was at work in Timothy's life before Paul encountered him and through Paul's ministry.

(Acts 16:1-5, 2 Timothy 1:5)

2) The Holy Spirit works through opening and closing doors.

The Holy Spirit prevented Paul from going into Asia and guided him to Macedonia. (Acts 16:6-10)

3) The Holy Spirit does the heart work we cannot do.

The Holy Spirit opened Lydia's heart. (Acts 16:14)

4) The Holy Spirit works through carefully reasoned arguments.

Reasoned arguments were at the center of Paul's work to preach the Gospel. (Acts 16:13; 17:2, 11, 17; 18:4, 19)

5) The Holy Spirit works through struggle and injustice.

Priscilla and Aquilla were in Corinth when Paul arrived because Emperor Claudius commanded Jews to leave Rome. (Acts 18:2)

6) Our trust is in the Holy Spirit, not ourselves.

1 Corinthians 3:5–6 ... *"What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth."*

Notes
