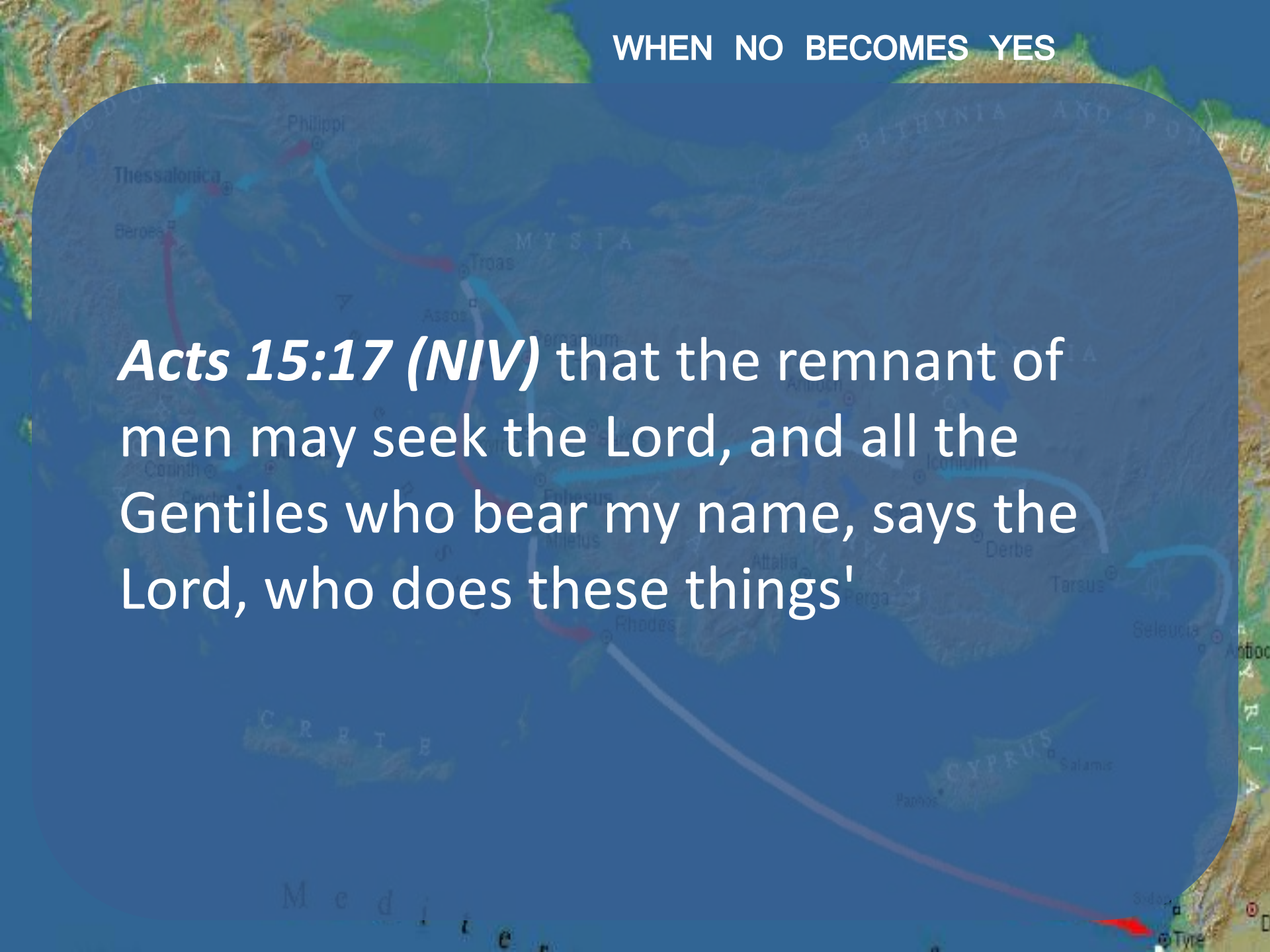




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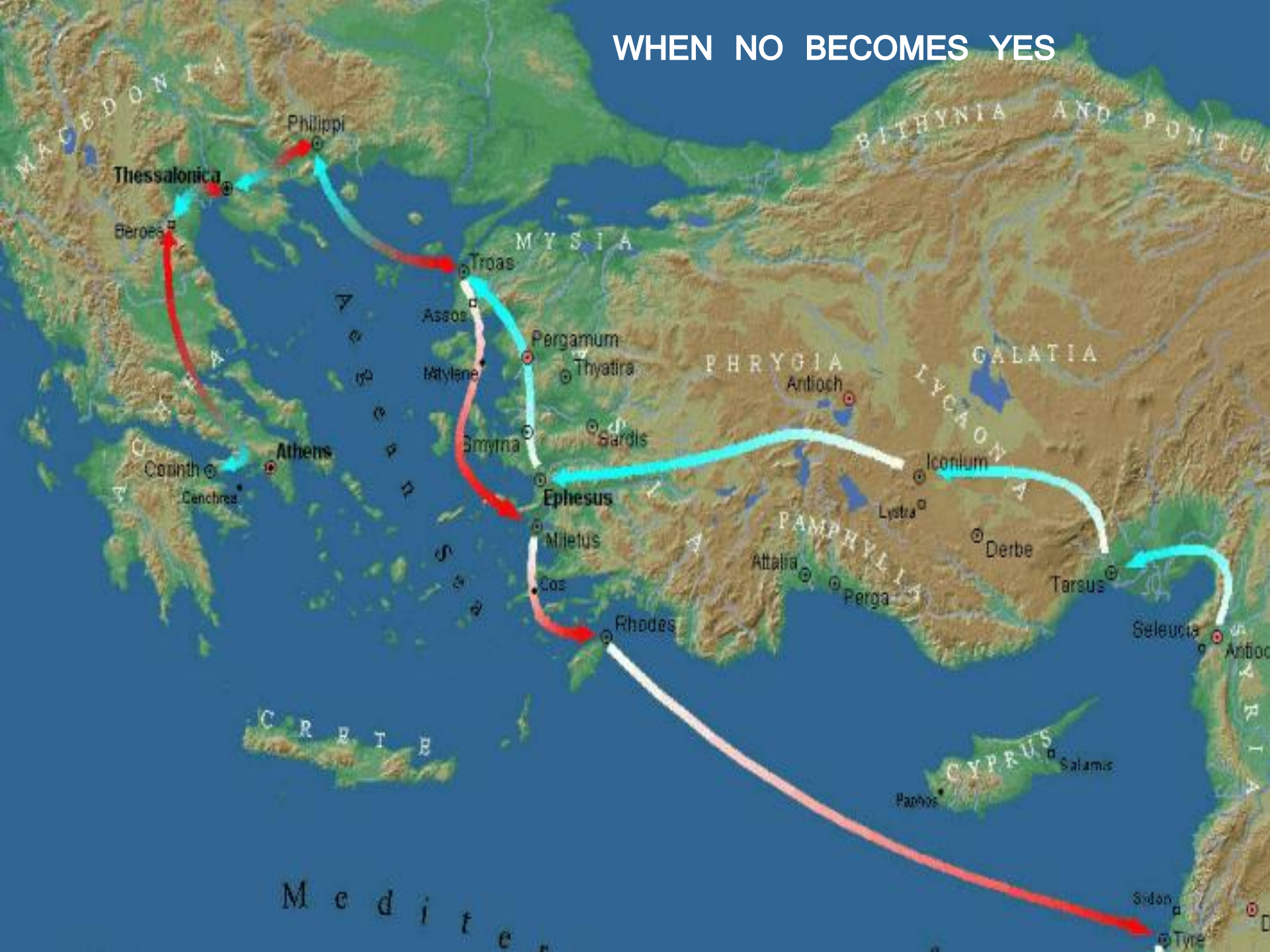
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WHEN NO BECOMES YES



Acts 15:17 (NIV) that the remnant of men may seek the Lord, and all the Gentiles who bear my name, says the Lord, who does these things'

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I. GOD USUALLY LEADS THROUGH COMMON SENSE

1 Corinthians 9:19-23 (NIV) ¹⁹ Though I am free and belong to no man, I make myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. ²⁰ To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. ²¹ To those not having the law I became like one not having the

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law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. ²² To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some. ²³ I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.

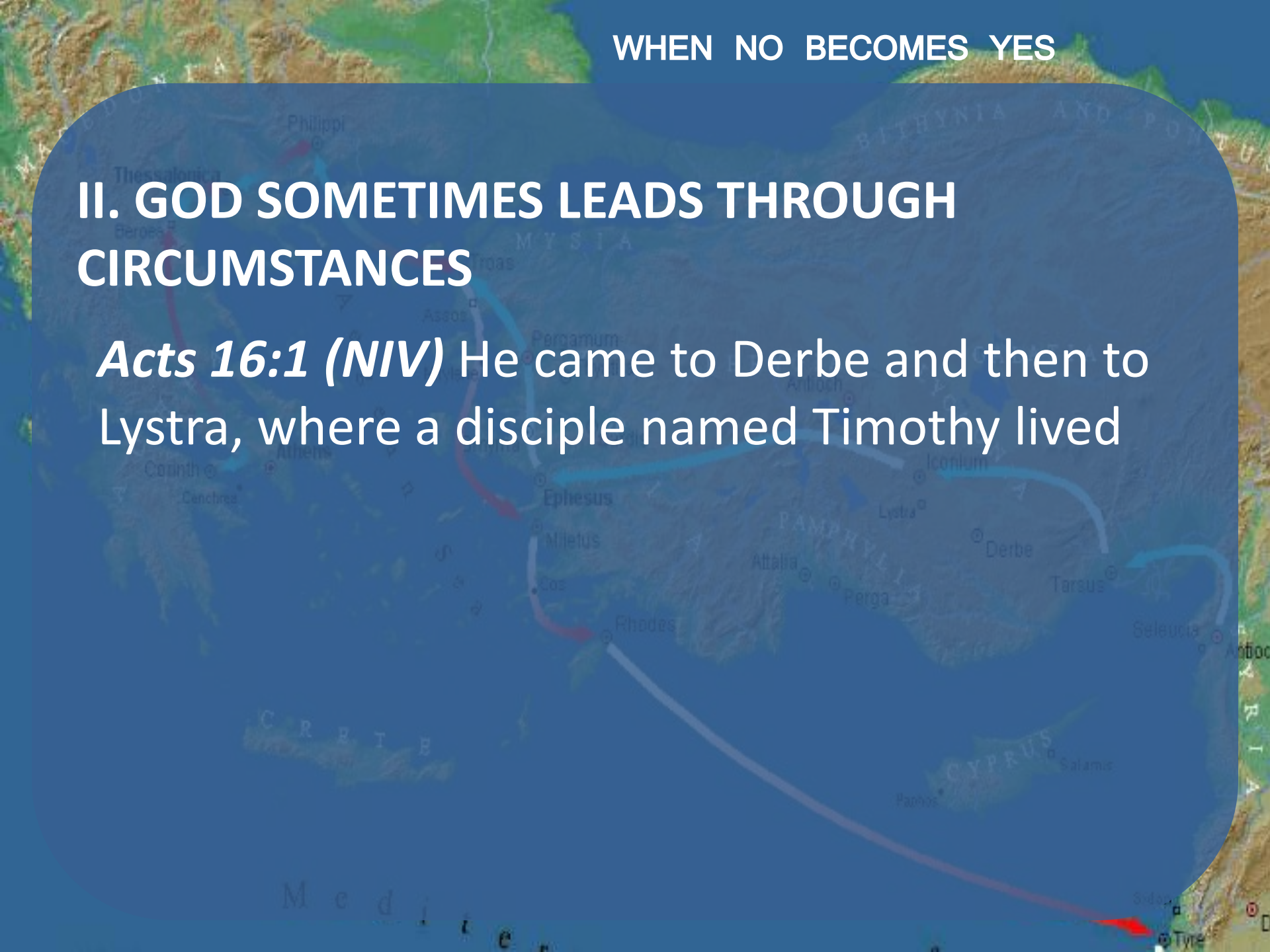
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“When we are in the flow of the Spirit, He will use all our intellectual and emotional capacities to communicate the rightness or wrongness of a direction. When our purpose and long-range goals are clear, we can dare to trust our consecrated thinking and responses of our emotions.” Lloyd Ogilvie

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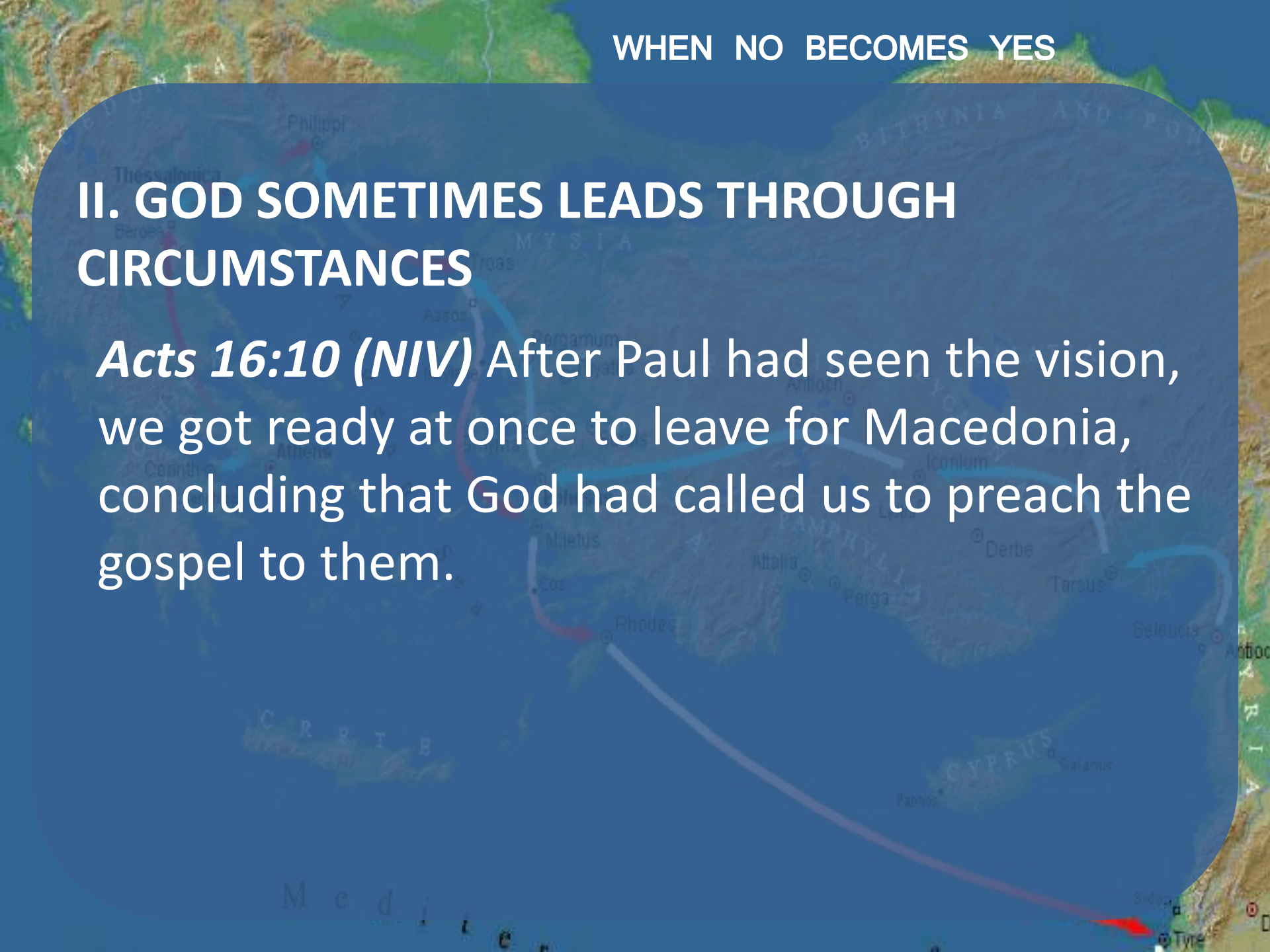
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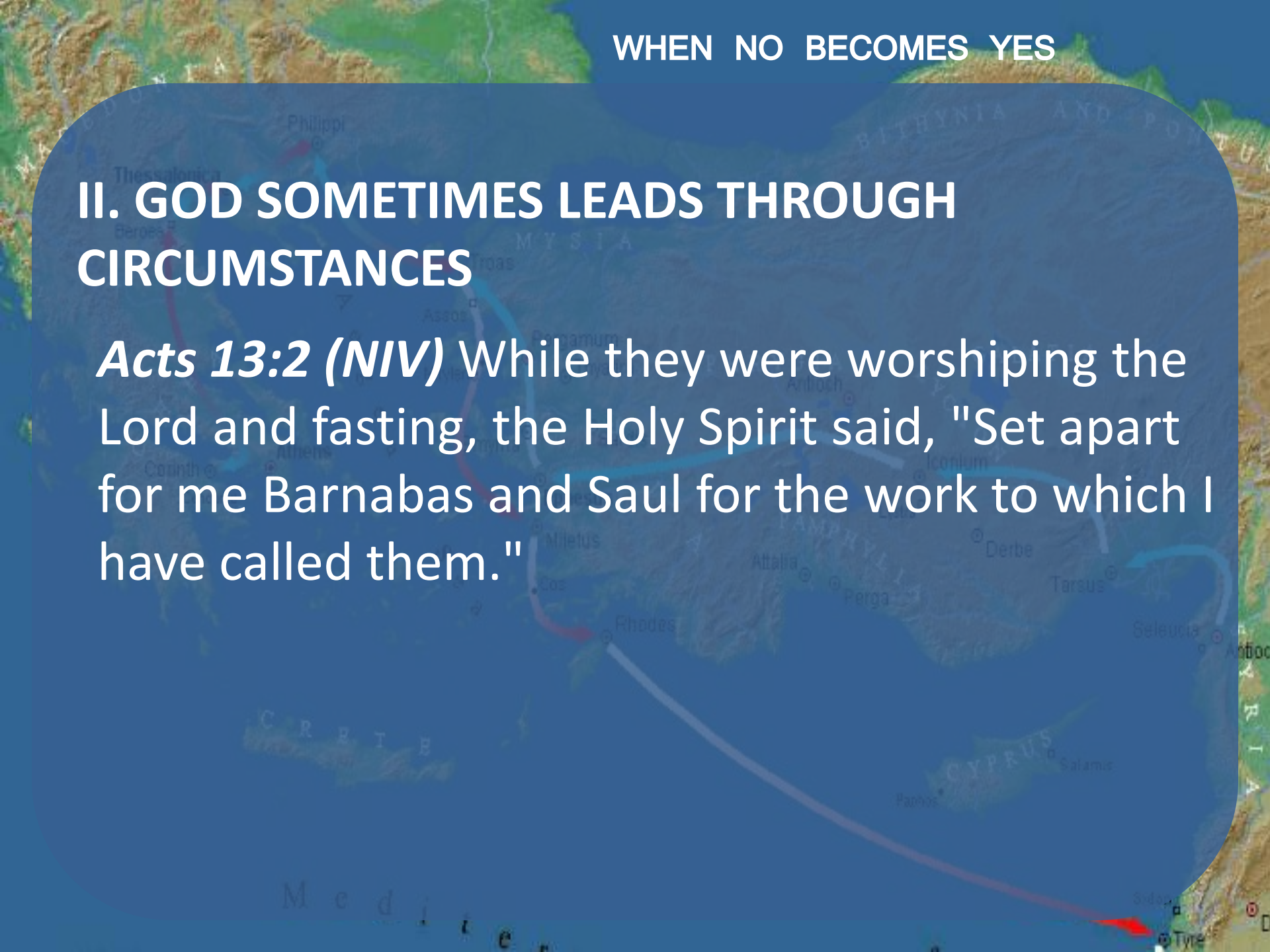
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Acts 16:10 (NIV) After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.



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Acts 13:2 (NIV) While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."



III. God occasionally leads through dramatic revelation

- kept by the *Holy Spirit* from preaching the word in the province of Asia V.6
- the *Spirit of Jesus* would not allow them to V.7
- concluding that *God* had called us to preach the gospel to them V.10

III. God occasionally leads through dramatic revelation

(1) make sure your plan is in harmony with God's Word;

Vance Havner - "We've heard that statement countless time, 'it all depends on how you look at it.' Nothing depends on how we look at it. That is anarchy with every man as his own judge. Everything depends on how God looks at it, and what He says about it in His Word."

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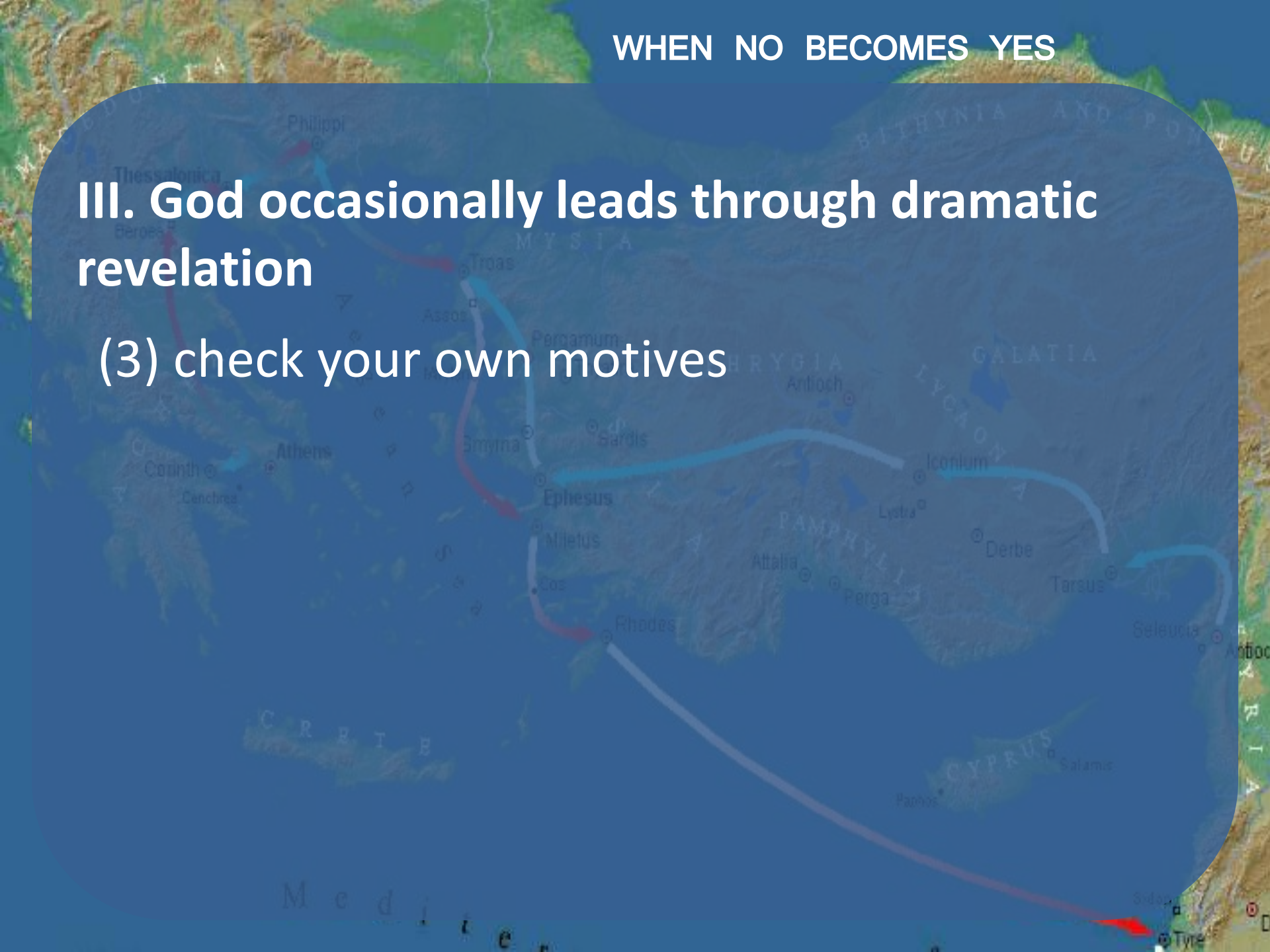
(2) ask mature Christians for their advice;

- “Finds those with an attitude of mind to be guided” – Chuck Missler
- “Daily guidance is given to those who are set in the ultimate will of God.” – Lloyd Ogilvie

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(3) check your own motives

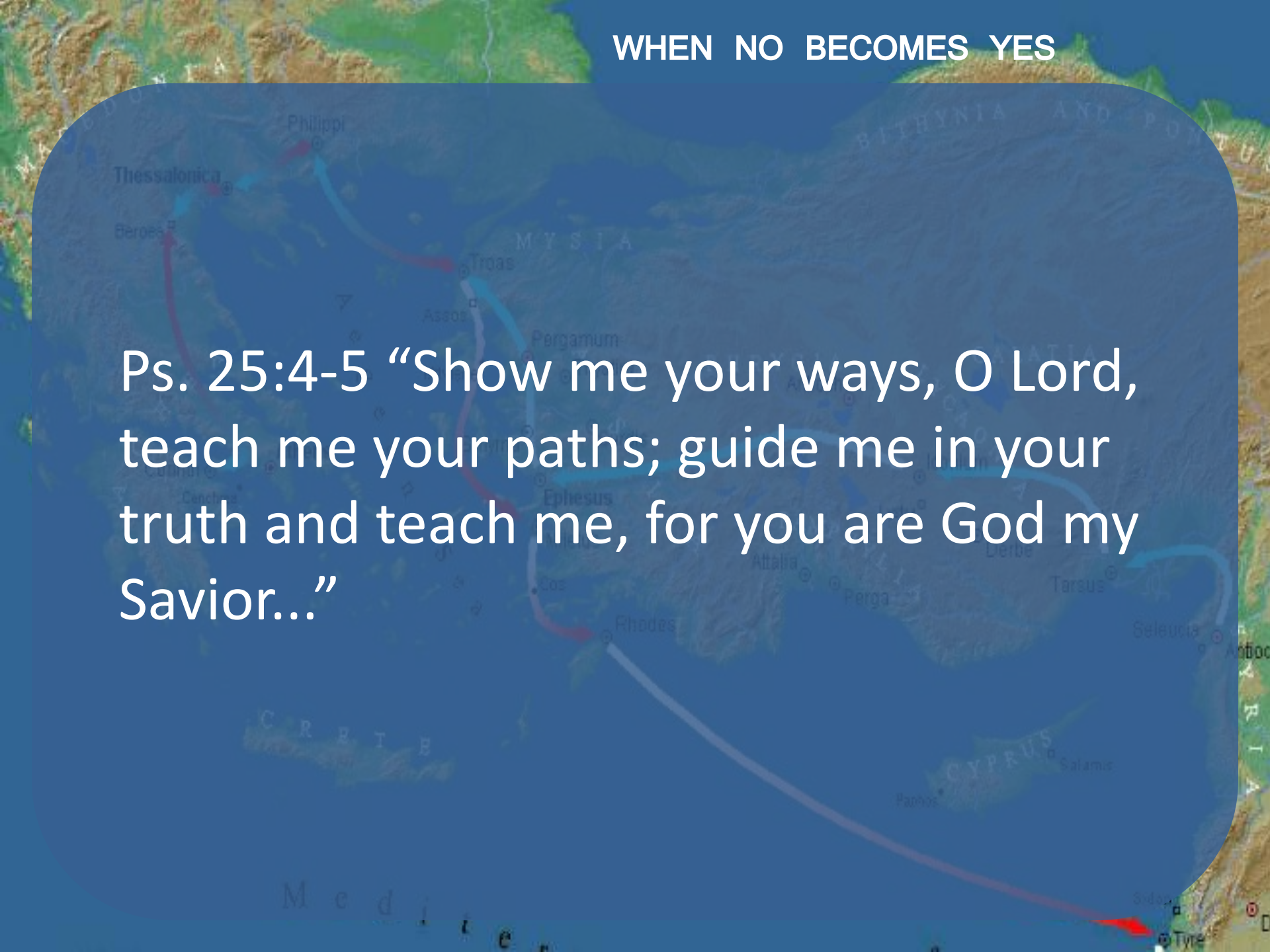


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(4) pray for God to open and close the doors as he desires

Prov. 3:5-6 “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.”

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Ps. 25:4-5 “Show me your ways, O Lord,
teach me your paths; guide me in your
truth and teach me, for you are God my
Savior...”



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