

“Eternity’s Edge (4): The Macedonian Matrix”

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Could it be that the very best way to the _____ door is through the _____ ones?

Acts 16:6-10

◆ *The Message*: “Proceeding on through Mysia, they went down to the seaport Troas. That night Paul had a dream. A Macedonian stood on the far shore and called across the sea, ‘Come over to Macedonia and help us!’ *The dream gave Paul his map. We went to work at once getting things ready to cross over to Macedonia. All the pieces came together. We knew now for sure that God had called us to preach the good news to the Europeans.*” (Acts 16:8-10)

◆ For you see, the best way to an _____ door is through a _____ one.

◆ That’s the mystery of divine _____ .

◆ It’s precisely because the door *is* closed that you’re going to get through . . . another _____ !

◆ “Which is why I keep allowing them—_____ closed doors—so that one day you’ll discover _____ open door.”

◆ Have you been knocking on some closed doors lately?

What if the open door for Paul were the open door for you and me and us, too?

◆ Jim Collins, *Good to Great: Why Some Companies Make the Leap . . . and Others Don’t*—

■ The most successful organizations, companies and leadership teams are driven by a BHAG: “B_____, H_____, A_____, G_____.”

■ A BHAG is a “huge and daunting goal,” a _____ so compelling that it drives the entire organization in its unique _____ and destiny.

◆ “The dream gave Paul his _____ [a BHAG map].”

- ◆ The Macedonian matrix: “Come over to Macedonia and _____ us.”
 - Same Greek word—Acts 16:9 (“begging”) and II Corinthians 12:8 (“pleading”)
 - I.e., the intensity with which Paul pleaded with God for _____ deliverance is the same intensity with which this Macedonian stranger pleaded with Paul for _____ deliverance.
 - “To show a liberal, self-denying spirit for the success of foreign missions [God’s BHAG] is a sure way to advance home missionary work [AU/PMC]; for the prosperity of the home work [AU/PMC] depends largely, under God, upon the _____ influence of the evangelical work done in countries afar off [God’s BHAG]. It is in working to supply the necessities of others that we bring our souls into touch with the Source of all power.” (GW 465, 466)

“Come over to Macedonia and help us!”

Open, closed, open, closed, guidance, door, your, My, (B)ig, (H)airy, (A)udacious,
(G)oal, vision, mission, map, help, physical, spiritual, reflex