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 - iii. Acts 16:5 And so were the churches established in the faith, and **increased** in number daily.
- c. Some churches faced persecution which actually helped the spread of the gospel
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