

Jailhouse Praise
Acts 16:16-31

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I. A fortune-telling slave. Acts 16:16-18

We must remember that not _____ miracles come from the Lord, and Satan, the father of lies, can imitate some things.

- Miracles can prove that something is _____, but they do not always prove that the supernatural event is from the Lord.

Our _____, preparedness, and strength for Spiritual warfare come from our relationship with Jesus. If we fight spiritual battles on our own, we will be defeated every time. **Jude 9**

II. Jailed for doing good. Acts 16:19-24

The slave girl's owners, instead of rejoicing that she had been set free from her _____ of demon possession, were mad that their money-making side-show was done. **2 Corinthians 2:17**

- When Paul commanded the demon to come out of the girl in Jesus' name, she was instantly free because Christ can break through all _____, both seen and unseen.

III. But God! Acts 16:25-31

Paul and Silas were beaten with rods, thrown into prison, and placed in wooden stocks, but they _____ the Lord anyway. **Job 1:21**

- **"And the prisoners were listening to them."** This Greek word for **"listening"** communicates the fact that the prisoners were _____ listening to all the worship and praise from these men.

Belief is the Greek word **"pistis"**, which means to trust in, fully rely on, or to cling to. It is an action verb that _____ trust in something by a person's response or change.

IV. Practical Application.

1. **"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be _____."**
2. Like Paul and Silas, during trying times, we must remember that we serve a _____ God who knows our situation and will deliver us, in His way and timing.
3. Like Paul and Silas, prayer and worship can _____ situations and hearts, as we seek the Lord's will during trying times.

4. Like Paul and Silas, we should use the situations in our lives to _____ our faith with others who are watching to see how we handle different crises in life.

Small Group Discussion

Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

1. Read **Acts 16:16-18** and discuss the comment that was made in the sermon that not all miracles are from the Lord.
2 Thessalonians 2:9-10, Deuteronomy 18:10-12, Exodus 7:22-23
2. Read **Acts 16:19**. *Why did the spiritual freedom of this slave girl upset her owners? Whose power did Paul need to cast out the demon from the girl? How does Acts 16 challenge our understanding of freedom, both spiritual and physical?*
2 Corinthians 2:17, Ephesians 1:9-21, Jude 9, Acts 4:12, Matthew 10:1, Matthew 12:28
3. Read **Acts 16:20-23**. *What does the account of Paul and Silas singing hymns in prison teach us about maintaining faith amidst adversity? How can we respond to unfair treatment or false accusations, as shown by Paul and Silas?*
Psalms 119:62, Job 1:21, James 1:12, Romans 12:19, Luke 6:31, Psalm 37:1-2
4. Read **Acts 16:25-30**. *How can the response of the jailer to his impending disaster serve as a metaphor for recognizing our need for salvation?*
Titus 3:4-5, Ephesians 2:8-9, John 1:12
5. Read **Acts 16:31** and discuss the comment, **"Belief** is the Greek word **"pistis"**, which means to trust in, fully rely on, or to cling to. It is an action verb that demonstrates trust in something by a person's response or change."
Romans 10:9-10, Romans 1:17, 2 Corinthians 5:7, James 2:19, Galatians 2:20
6. Discuss the four points in the Practical Application section in the sermon notes.