
PAUL AND SILAS: LESSONS FROM A PHILIPPIAN PRISON

ACTS 16:16-34

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A POCKETBOOK LESSON--ACTS 16:16-19

“As we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by fortune-telling. 17 She followed Paul and us, crying out, “These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation.” 18 And this she kept doing for many days. Paul, having become greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, “I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And it came out that very hour.

19 But when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the rulers” (ESV).

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- **“Pocketbook” Lesson (Acts 16:16-19; cp. 19:23-32; 1 Timothy 6:9-11)**

A PERSECUTION LESSON--ACTS 16:20-24

“And when they had brought them to the magistrates, they said, “These men are Jews, and **they are disturbing our city**. 21 They advocate customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to accept or practice.” 22 The crowd joined in **attacking them**, and the magistrates **tore the garments off them** and gave orders to **beat them with rods**. 23 And when they had **inflicted many blows upon them**, they **threw them into prison**, ordering the jailer to keep them safely. 24 Having received this order, he put them into the inner prison and **fastened their feet in the stocks**” (ESV).

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A PEACE AND PRAISE LESSON--ACTS 16:25

“About midnight Paul and Silas were **praying and singing hymns to God**, and the prisoners were listening to them...”

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A PRINCIPLE--ACTS 16:26-29

“and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone's bonds were unfastened. 27 When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, **supposing that the prisoners had escaped**. 28 But Paul cried with a loud voice, “Do not harm yourself, for **we are all here**.” 29 And the jailer called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas” (ESV).

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A PROVIDENCE LESSON--ACTS 16:30

“Then he brought them out and said, **“Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”**”
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- **“Providence” Lesson (Acts 16:30; cp. Genesis 45:5-8; Rom 8:28)**

A PREACHING LESSON--ACTS 16:31-32

“And they said, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.” 32 **And they spoke the word of the Lord** to him and to all who were in his house” (ESV).

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A PLAN OF SALVATION LESSON--ACTS 16:33-34

“And he took them **the same hour of the night** and washed their wounds; and **he was baptized at once**, he and all his family. 34 Then he brought them up into his house and set food before them. And he rejoiced along with his entire household that he **had believed in God**” (ESV).

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WHAT PART OF THEIR
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