

Sermon Discussion Guide:

# The Philippian Jailer's Conversion

Sunday, May 21, 2023

Scripture: **Acts 16:25–40**

Series: **The Spirit & The Church**

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## OVERVIEW

After Paul and Silas were publicly beaten and humiliated, they were sent to prison. At midnight, they were praying and singing hymns when an earthquake opened the doors and broke their chains. The jailer assumed that the prisoners had escaped and was about to kill himself, when Paul reassured him that they were still there. The jailer and his family were converted and he took Paul and Silas to his house and cared for them. In the morning, the city magistrates ordered that the prisoners be quietly released, but Paul demanded that they be respected as Roman citizens. The magistrates then apologized and asked them to leave, which they did, after visiting Lydia.

**The mighty power of God is displayed crushing, preserving, and liberating people.**

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## CORROBORATING TEXTS

Romans 8, Hebrews 12, Philippians 4:4, John 3

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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When sharing the gospel, how do you share Good News rather than just 'good advice?' What might you say to someone who would die in 3 minutes?
2. In this passage and the prior verses we see Paul and Silas suffering well for the faith and also standing up for their rights. How do we discern when to stand up for our rights and when to lay down our rights for the sake of the gospel?
3. Scott mentioned that conversion leads to a desire to show hospitality and to care for fellow believers and those in need. How have you seen this demonstrated? What is the connection between conversion and hospitality?
4. In suffering, does our God or our faith sustain us? Can you think of an experience where your faith was strengthened by suffering well or by seeing someone else suffer well?