

## **Songs In The Night – Acts Series**

Sunday October 23, 2016 Pastor Dave Postal

Key Scripture: Acts 16:16-40

**Intro** – Gospel has spread to Europe; the City of Philippi where a prominent business lady by the name of Lydia has come to the Lord. In the following days Paul & his companions help deliver a slave girl from an evil spirit. The owners are angry because she can no longer make them money by fortune telling. They get the city stirred up eventually having Paul & Silas thrown into prison.

**Vs 22-24** The crowd joined in the attack against Paul and Silas, and the magistrates ordered them to be stripped and beaten with rods. 23 After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully. 24 When he received these orders, he put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

**Vs 25** About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them.

### **Why Is Prayer & Worship So Important?**

- Psalm 121:1
- Romans 15:13
- Psalm 77:6
- Psalm 42:8

**Vs 26 – 28** Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone's chains came loose. 27 The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped. 28 But Paul shouted, "Don't harm yourself! We are all here!"

**Question: When God opens a door for you; what will you do with it?**

**Vs 29 -34** The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. 30 He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" 31 They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household." 32 Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. 33 At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his household were baptized. 34 The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God—he and his whole household.