

Living Water Part 33
Acts 16:16-40

The Title Of The Message: “Free In The Lord”

The Key Word: Singing

The Thought: As believers we are free to live in the Lord, free from the enemy and free to worship.

The Breakdown:

Verses 16-23 Freed From The Enemy...

Verses 24-34 Free To Worship In The Dark...

Verses 35-40 Free To Confront...

Verses 16-23 Freed From The Enemy...

Acts 16:16

Now it happened...

Fortune-telling...

“Fortune-Teller” = “Soothsayer”

Literally “To divine, or Practice divination”

Leviticus 19:26 (NKJV) ‘You shall not eat anything with the blood, nor shall you practice divination or soothsaying.

Deuteronomy 18:10–11

Acts 16:17-18

This girl followed Paul...

This she did for many days...

Matthew 12:43–45

“It came out there and then.”

“The words had scarcely left his lips when she was released from its power.” F.F. Bruce

Acts 16:19-20

But when her masters saw that their hope of profit was gone...

Acts 5:1-11

Acts 8:18-24

Acts 19:23-41

Acts 20:33-34

They seized Paul and Silas...

Commanded them to be beaten with rods...

Verses 24-34 Free To Worship In The Dark...

Acts 16:24-26

Having received such a charge...

But at midnight...

“The legs feel nothing in the stocks when the heart is in heaven.”

-Tertullian

“Anyone can be happy in pleasant circumstances, but real joy comes only from within, and is a gift available to Christians at all times.”

“Instead of cursing men, they blessed God.” -John Stott

Job 35:10 (NKJV) But no one says, ‘Where is God my Maker, Who gives songs in the night...

Psalm 42:8 (NKJV) The Lord will command His lovingkindness in the daytime, And in the night His song shall be with me— A prayer to the God of my life.

Suddenly there was a great earthquake...

Acts 16:27-31

And the keeper of the prison...

John 12:32 (NKJV) And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself.”

Sirs, what must I do to be saved?

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James 1:22 be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ...

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household."

Acts 16:32-34

Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him...

James 2:18 (NKJV) But someone will say, “You have faith, and I have works.” Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

Verses 35-40 Free To Confront...

Acts 16:35-36

Let those men go...

Acts 16:37-40

But Paul said to them...

Application:

- 1. We have been freed from the enemy so that we can tell others how they can be free.**
- 2. Sometimes acts of kindness lead into troubles so that we can lean on the Lord even in our darkest times.**
- 3. Sometimes the suffering we experience isn't because God wants us to learn a lesson but because He wants to save others.**