

Ordinary People. Extraordinary God.

Philippian Jailer (Acts 16:25-40)

How do followers of Jesus handle suffering?

*25 About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. 26 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!"** 29 **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. 35 When it was daylight, the magistrates sent their officers to the jailer with the order: "Release those men." 36 The jailer told Paul, "The magistrates have ordered that you and Silas be released. Now you can leave. Go in peace." 37 But Paul said to the officers: "They beat us publicly without a trial, even though we are Roman citizens, and threw us into prison. And now do they want to get rid of us quietly? No! Let them come themselves and escort us out." 38 The officers reported this to the magistrates, and when they heard that Paul and Silas were Roman citizens, they were alarmed. 39 They came to appease them and escorted them from the prison, requesting them to leave the city. 40 After Paul and Silas came out of the prison, they went to Lydia's house, where they met with the brothers and sisters and encouraged them. Then they left. (Acts 16:55-40)

1. How we present ourselves as followers of Jesus invites others to encounter salvation in Jesus.

a. We pray.

i. Prayer helps us set a good example.

b. We praise and worship.

"I will extol the Lord at all times; his praise will always be on my lips. I will glory in the Lord; let the afflicted hear and rejoice. Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt his name

*together. I sought the Lord, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears.”
(Psalm 34:1-4)*

2. When we surrender control to an extraordinary God, He gives us a new identity.

a. Human Performance to Sustaining Peace.

Reflection Questions:

1. Which do you resonate with the most: Paul and Silas or the Philippian Jailer? Why?
2. Ponder a time you experienced God's kindness through prayer, praise, and worship. How did God reveal Himself to you?
3. How can you reveal Jesus to others by your example this week?

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