

Forever Changed

Acts 16:23-24

Notice 3 things in this familiar story of the Philippian jailor.

I. **MIRACLE** that was **SEEN**.

I'm reminded in this story that **SEARCHING** hearts are always the result of **STIRRED** hearts.

I'm talking about how the Holy Spirit of God works.....

Notice 2 things that stirred the heart of the Philippian jailor to the place he asks the question "What must I do to be saved."

1. The _____ he saw in the **PEOPLE** of God.

No doubt the P.J. had seen 100's of other prisoners over the course of the years.

He had seen the: roughest of the..... hardest of the vilest of the.....

He had heard the moans.....

But now in Acts 16 he encounters 2 prisoners unlike he'd ever seen before.

This time he found himself guarding..... Ex. Barber shop

In Acts 16 Paul & Silas had been arrested for.....

But yet Paul & Silas did not act like the other prisoners the P.J. had seen.

Instead we read in v 25.....

The Bible says in Job 35, "Our God gives songs in the night"

notice they weren't singing.....

Many scholars believe they were singing the 46th Psalm that says,

Psalm 46:1-2 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, Even though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea.

Key thought: God uses Christians to bring others to Jesus! God uses the:

_____ we live, the _____ we have & the _____ we experience.....

2. The _____ he saw in the **POWER** of God.

Key thought: **PRAYER & PRAISE RELEASED GOD'S POWER!** v 26

God's ways of getting our attention have no boundaries.

Sometimes He'll use: _____ the bed of affliction

_____ the death of a loved one A _____ like an earthquake

II. **MESSAGE** they **SHARED**. v 27-31

Notice 2 things that Paul & Silas shared that night to the P.J.

1. 1st of all they talked about the _____ of salvation. v 31

Notice they didn't say "Believe on the....." But they did say "Believe....." John 14:6

2. 2ndly they talked about the _____ of salvation. v 31

Notice they did say "Believe on the L.J.C. and we....." 1st John 5:13

III. **MAN** that was **SAVED**. v 32-34

We know that the P.J. was **TRULY** saved because his life was forever changed. 2nd Cor. 5:17

Salvation in the L.J.C. is **ALWAYS** a:

_____ experience Romans 10:9 _____ experience v 34
_____ experience he followed Jesus in Believer's Baptism v 33

Key thought: You must be saved in order to go to _____ !

You must be baptized in order to be _____ !

Jesus says in John 14:15

"If you love Me keep My commandments."

The 1st commandment God gives us once we're saved is to follow Jesus in Believers Baptism !