

PRAISE GOD . . . ALWAYS!

Acts 16:16-34

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Sermon Outline – [exposition and application concurrent with the retelling of the story]

- I. Introduction
- II. Background Situation – Acts 16:16-21
 - A. Paul and Silas going to a place of prayer
 - B. Slave girl: had a spirit that would predict the future
 - C. Paul commands the spirit to come out of the slave girl
 - D. Owners of the slave girl lose their source of income
 - E. Owners accuse Paul and Silas of throwing the city into an uproar
- III. Attack on Paul and Silas – Acts 16:22-24
 - A. Magistrates ordered them to be stripped and beaten
 - B. Paul and Silas were severely flogged and beaten
 - C. Paul and Silas thrown into prison - feet fastened in stocks
 - D. Jailer guarded them – responsible for their condition(?)
- IV. Responses by Paul and Silas – Acts 16:25-28
 - A. At midnight they were praying and singing hymns
 - B. Other prisoners were listening to them
 - C. Violent earthquakes shook the prison
 - D. Prison doors flew open and chains fell off of the prisoners
 - E. Jailer woke up and was about to kill himself
 - F. Paul stopped the jailer from hurting himself
- V. Outcome – Acts 16:29-34
 - A. Jailer rushed in trembling
 - B. Jailer asked, “What must I do to be saved?”
 - C. Jailer took them home and washed their wounds and fed them
 - D. Jailer was filled with joy because he and his family believed in God
- VI. Closing Comments