

# One of Those Days

## Acts 16:16-26



# Paul and Silas

- A certain woman, who was a fortune teller, began to follow Paul and Silas
- Acts 16:16-17

16 As we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by fortune-telling. 17 She followed Paul and us, crying out, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation."

# Paul and Silas

- But this didn't just happen once or twice; she kept up this chant
- Acts 16:18

18 And this she kept doing for many days. Paul, having become greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, “I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And it came out that very hour.

# Paul and Silas

- When her masters saw what Paul and Silas had done they seized them and dragged them to the marketplace.
- Acts 16:19

19 But when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the rulers.

# Paul and Silas

- The charges against Paul and Silas
- Acts 16:20-21

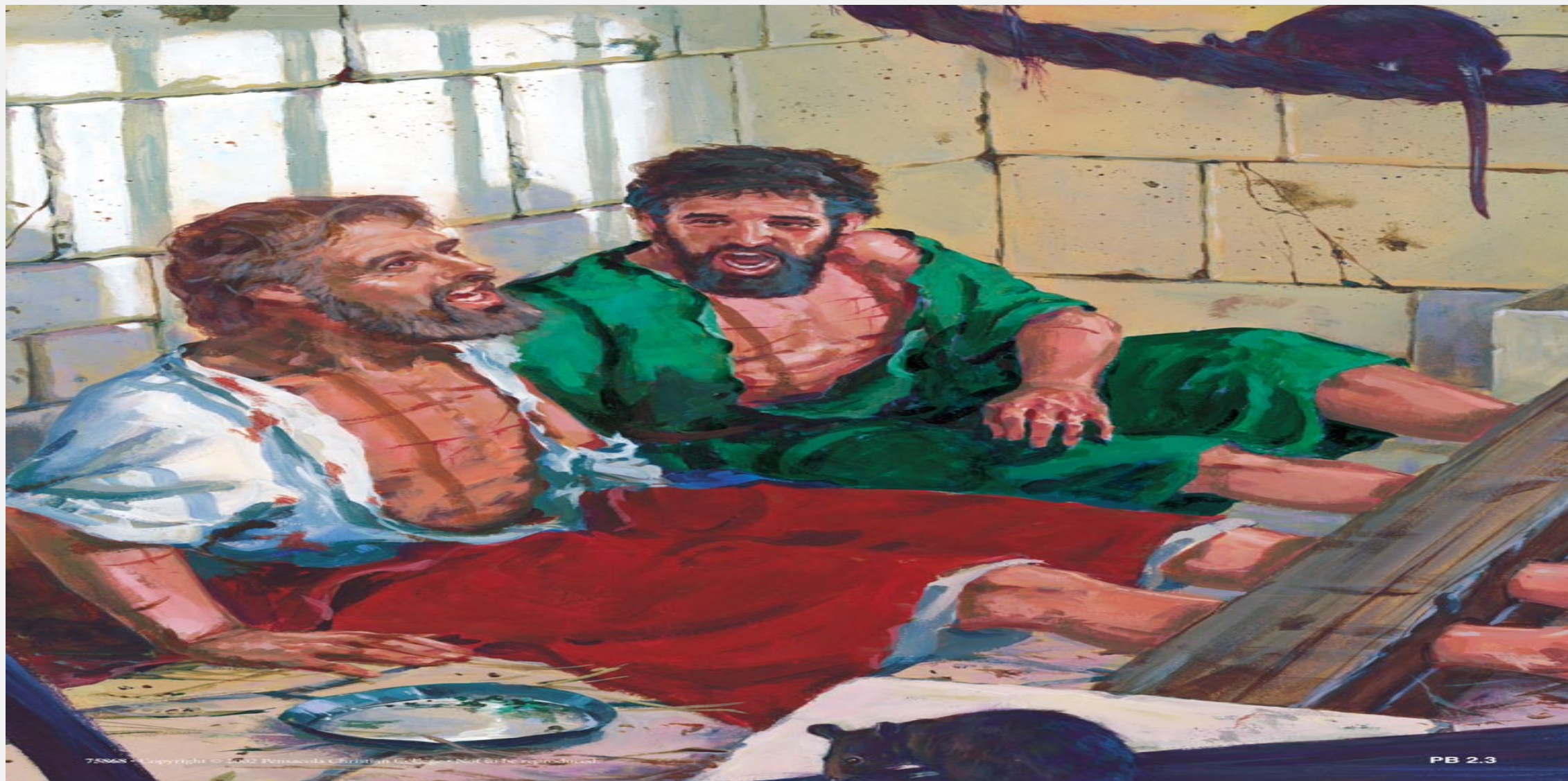
20 And when they had brought them to the magistrates, they said, “These men are Jews, and they are disturbing our city. 21 They advocate customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to accept or practice.”

# Paul and Silas

- They were brought before the magistrates and were stripped, beaten severely and thrown into the inner prison where their feet were fastened in stocks.
- Acts 16:22-24

22 The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates tore the garments off them and gave orders to beat them with rods. 23 And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, ordering the jailer to keep them safely. 24 Having received this order, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks.

# Paul and Silas in Prison



# Bad Days Only Get Worse for Those Who Do Not Know Christ

- The Prophet Amos describes an unrighteous man
- Amos 5:19

19 as if a man fled from a lion,  
and a bear met him,  
or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall,  
and a serpent bit him.



# Bad Days Only Get Worse for Those Who Do Not Know Christ

- Name Not Written in the Book of Life
- Revelation 20:13-15

13 And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them, and they were judged, each one of them, according to what they had done. 14 Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. 15 And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

# A Bad Day Will Not Have the Last Word

- God gets the last Word
- Psalms 30:5

5 For his anger is but for a moment,  
and his favor is for a lifetime.

Weeping may tarry for the night,  
but joy comes with the morning.

# A Bad Day Will Not Have the Last Word

- In Romans we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love Him, to those who have been called according to His purpose.

- Romans 8:28

28 And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

# A Bad Day Will Not Have the Last Word

- God's Promise for His Children
- John 16:33

33 I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

# Paul and Silas – How to Turn Around a Bad Day

- Prayer and Song to the Lord
- Acts 16:25

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

# Prayer

- A simple prayer from the heart, a time one on one with the God that loves you
- John 10:27

27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.

# Prayer

- My yoke is easy and my burden is light
- Matthew 11:28-30

28 Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

# Joseph Scriven

## What a Friend We Have in Jesus

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#### Verse 1

.       What a friend we have in Jesus,  
all our sins and griefs to bear!

        What a privilege to carry  
everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit,  
O what needless pain we bear,  
    all because we do not carry  
everything to God in prayer.



# Continue With Praise

- After Paul and Silas prayed they began to sing hymns of praise to God.
- Acts 16:25

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

# It Takes Faith

- It takes faith to praise God when the day has been bad.
- Romans 8:35

35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

# It Takes Faith

- It takes faith to sing praises to the Lord for what He has done while to those around you it doesn't look like the Lord has done anything.

- Romans 8:38-39

38 For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

# It Takes Faith

- If you believe He hears, and you know He cares, then praise Him!

**Wherever I am I'll Praise Him**

Wherever I am I 'll praise Him

Wherever I can I 'll praise Him

For His love surrounds me like a sea

I'll Praise the name of Jesus

Lift up the name of Jesus

for the name of Jesus lifted me

# It Takes Faith

- As Paul and Silas sang, the prison was shaken, the doors were opened and they were delivered.
- Acts 16:26

26 and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone's bonds were unfastened.

# Praise to the Lord

## **Doxology**

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.