

**A Transformed Life
Brings the Deliverance
and Salvation of Jesus
in All Circumstances**

God can comfort & use you in the midst of...

Losing a loved one

Losing all from disaster

Divorce

Significant failures

Losing your job

Being in prison

Significant illness

Severe anxiety/ depression

Acts 16:16-19 (ESV) 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

Sometimes it is not always evident that someone needs help. Once the need is identified, are you willing to bring God's help? proclaim to you the way of salvation." 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. 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.

It appears it took Paul a few days to see that this wasn't the support he wanted.

To the world, deliverance is of no benefit to them, so they are often indifferent or opposed to it.

Once he realized demonic influence was there, he brings deliverance by God's power.

Acts 16:20-24 (NIV2011) ²⁰ They brought them before the magistrates and said, "These men are Jews, and are throwing our city into an uproar ²¹ by advocating customs unlawful for us Romans to accept or practice." ²² The crowd joined in the attack against Paul and

Do we recognize how easy it is to be complacent or apathetic in our nation when the persecution of Christians is so minor?

²⁴ When he received these orders, he put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

As Christians, one of our challenges is that many don't see the Gospel as "Good news". When lives transform, not all like the results.

Bringing the Gospel can, sometimes, result in significant persecution. Yet, by the Holy Spirit, we are to continue preaching the good news.

Acts 16:25-27 (NLT2) ²⁵ Around midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening. ²⁶ Suddenly, there was a massive earthquake, and the prison was shaken to its foundations. All the doors immediately flew open, and the chains of every prisoner fell off!

²⁷ The jailer woke up to see the prison doors wide open. He assumed the prisoners had escaped, so he drew his sword to kill himself.

What a powerful display of joy and contentment that is not based on circumstances. This is a powerful witness that resulted in a miracle.

In Roman military culture, it was punishable by death to lose prisoners you were responsible for.

When difficult circumstances arise, who do you turn to?
Do you know the Spirit can give you peace in any situation?

Acts 16:28-31 (NASB) ²⁸ But Paul cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here!" ²⁹ And he called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas, ³⁰ and after he brought them out, he said,

"Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" ³¹ They said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household."

Notice Paul indicates "we are all here!". Who knows how many other non-believers may have come to know the Lord through this miracle they witnessed.

The jailer asks the right question! Hebrew and Greek words for belief are much stronger than English. This powerful belief creates a deep love and dedication to serve our Savior.

Will you choose to believe in a such a manner that your actions will spread the light to your family and all others?