

Bible

16 All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness, 17 so that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (HCSB)



Prayer

14 Now this is the confidence we have before Him: Whenever we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. 15 And if we know that He hears whatever we ask, we know that we have what we have asked Him for.

1 John 5:14-15 (HCSB)



Acts Part 37

“Prayer & Praise in Prison”



16 It happened that as we were going to the place of prayer, a slave woman who had a spirit of divination met us, who was bringing great profit to her masters by fortune-telling.

Acts 16:16-40 (NASB)



17 She followed Paul and us and cried out *repeatedly*, saying, “These men are bond-servants of the Most High God, who are proclaiming to you a way of salvation.”

Acts 16:16-40 (NASB)



18 Now she continued doing this for many days. But Paul was greatly annoyed, and he turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her!" And it came out at that very moment.

Acts 16:16-40 (NASB)



19 But when her masters saw that their hope of profit was *suddenly* gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities,

Acts 16:16-40 (NASB)



20 and when they had brought them to the chief magistrates, they said, "These men, Jews as they are, are causing our city trouble, 21 and they are proclaiming customs that are not lawful for us to accept or to practice, *since we are Romans.*"

Acts 16:16-40 (NASB)



22 The crowd joined in an attack against them, and the chief magistrates tore their robes off *them* and proceeded to order them to be beaten with rods.

Acts 16:16-40 (NASB)



23 When they had struck them with many blows, they threw them into prison, commanding the jailer to guard them securely; 24 and he, having received such a command, threw them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks.

Acts 16:16-40 (NASB)



25 Now about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns of praise to God, and the prisoners were listening to them; 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 chains were unfastened.

Acts 16:16-40 (NASB)



27 When the jailer awoke and saw the prison doors opened, he drew *his* sword and was about to kill himself, thinking that the prisoners had escaped. 28 But Paul called out with a loud voice, saying, “Do not harm yourself, for we are all here!”

Acts 16:16-40 (NASB)



29 And the *jailer* asked 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?"

Acts 16:16-40 (NASB)



31 They said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." 32 And they spoke the word of God to him together with all who were in his house.

Acts 16:16-40 (NASB)



33 And he took them that *very* hour of the night and washed their wounds, and immediately he was baptized, he and all his household. 34 And he brought them into his house and set food before them, and was overjoyed, since he had become a believer in God together with his whole *household*.

Acts 16:16-40 (NASB)



35 Now when day came, the chief magistrates sent their officers, *saying*, "Release those men." 36 And the jailer reported these words to Paul, saying, "The chief magistrates have sent *word* that you be released. So come out now and go in peace."

Acts 16:16-40 (NASB)



37 But Paul said to them, “After beating us in public without due process—men *who* are Romans—they threw us into prison; and now they are releasing us secretly? No indeed! On the contrary, let them come in person and lead us out.”

Acts 16:16-40 (NASB)



38 The officers reported these words to the chief magistrates. And they became fearful when they heard that they were Romans, 39 and they came and pleaded with them, and when they had led them out, they *repeatedly* asked them to leave the city.

Acts 16:16-40 (NASB)



40 They left the prison and entered *the house of* Lydia, and when they saw the brothers *and sisters*, they encouraged *them* and departed.

Acts 16:16-40 (NASB)



