

Journal Page

- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?



FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- What did Paul and Silas do in jail?
- When is it easy to praise God?
When is it difficult?
- What kinds of people can be saved by the gospel?



Paul's Second Journey

Acts 16:11-34

MAIN POINT: PAUL AND SILAS TOLD THE JAILER, "BELIEVE IN THE LORD JESUS AND YOU WILL BE SAVED."

God told Paul to go to Macedonia to share the gospel. So Paul and his friends went to Macedonia. They stopped for a few days in a city called Philippi. On the Sabbath, Paul and his friends went to the river to pray. Some women were there, and Paul started talking to them. A woman named Lydia was listening, and God opened her heart to accept what Paul was saying. Lydia and everyone in her house were baptized.

On another day, Paul and Silas were on their way to pray, and a servant girl met them. She had a spirit in her that allowed her to predict the future. The girl followed Paul and Silas, shouting, "These men are servants of the Most High God!" Paul said to the spirit in her, "By the power of Jesus Christ, I command you to come out of her!" And the spirit came out right away.

Now the girl's owners were upset because she could no longer tell the future. They grabbed Paul and Silas and dragged them to the authorities. The officials ordered for Paul and Silas to be beaten and thrown into jail.

About midnight, Paul and Silas were praying and singing songs to God. All of a sudden, a violent earthquake shook the jail. All the doors flew open, and everyone's chains came loose! The jailer woke up and saw the prison doors open. Paul said, "We are all here!"

The jailer rushed to take Paul and Silas outside. "Men, what must I do to be saved?" he asked.

They said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved." Paul and Silas told the message of Jesus to the jailer and to everyone in his household. All of them believed and were baptized right away.

Christ Connection: Lydia, the jailer, and many others were saved because they heard the gospel and believed in Jesus. Paul and Silas preached the same message to all people, no matter who they were: "Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved."

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