THE SLAVE GIRL AND PRISON
Acts 16: 19-40

Acts 16:19 When Satan attacks he uses
1. __________ —Demon-possessed girl.
2. __________ —Hostile men
_________ times Gentiles wage attack on church (Ephesus and Philippi).
Motivation. Money!

Acts 16:21 Best way to surface hypocrisy is to expose evil actions.
   Common thread—all of a sudden become great law abiding citizens.

Inner prison: Maximum security ward. Feet placed in stocks and stocks locked
and made their feet fast in the stocks. Cause great pain in __________ .
Horrendous cramping.
Jailer knew that if prisoner escaped--his __________ at risk.

Acts 16:25 Payer and praise are not dependent upon __________ .Phil 4:4 1 Thess. 5:16-18 Rom 8:28 2 Cor. 4:15-18 2 Cor. 12:8-10 Phil 4:6-7 Mat 6:25-34. John
God wants us to learn to go through various trials and crisis situations with an
100:4 Psa 140:13
The jail didn’t cause Paul and Silas to pray and praise. It simply __________
prayer and praise!

Acts 16:28-29 Called for a light:
• __________ .
• __________ .

Why immediate response?
• Had heard __________ from Paul and Silas
• Had observed their life message
• God’s __________ demonstrated
• God created a need.

Sprang in: ran in…jumped in…leaped in
Trembling: __________ .
And fell down before Paul and Silas: prostrate… on __________

Acts 16:30 Sirs: kurios — master, authorities, Term of respect.
What must I do to be saved?
So What?
Interesting that only two times in the book of Acts do we find the Gentiles waging an attack on the church (Ephesus and Philippi). Both times there is a common link in their motivation. Money!

The best way to surface a person’s hypocrisy is by exposing his evil actions.

➢ A common thread among these types of people: they all of a sudden become great law abiding citizens. All of sudden they become great Christians with a passion for everyone else to follow the rules.

This accusation of being unlawful is not isolated to this passage. It is true around the world today! ______ all over the world who are spreading the gospel are very much aware of this accusation.

Acts 16:25 And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them.

prayer and praise are not dependent upon circumstances.

Why do Christians rejoice? Because of the promises of God. They know that a sovereign God in control of the events of life. They know that “all things work together for good to them that love God….Rom 8:28.

Process God takes us through in witnessing to the lost:

1. ________
2. Obedience
3. Fruit
4. Salvation of “_______ cases.”
5. People upset
6. _________
7. Prayer and praise... look for an opportunity
8. God creates a need.
9. Availability
10. Salvation
11. More _________