

DEVOTION #3

Paul, Silas & the Jailer

THINK

- We often sing praises to God in church, are there any other times you've sung praises to God, either alone or with others?

READ

ACTS 16:25-34

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone's chains came loose. The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted, "Don't harm yourself! We are all here!" The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household." Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his household were baptised. The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God—he and his whole household.

REFLECT

- How do Paul and Silas respond to being in prison?
- What happens in the prison? How does the jailer respond initially? How do Paul and Silas respond?
- What is the jailer's response when he sees Paul and Silas are still there?
- How does the jailer's conversion show the message of Jesus is for all sorts of people?
- How does this story encourage you to respond when things are tough?

PRAY

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Dear God, Thank You for the faithful example of Paul and Silas. Please protect Christians who are suffering for their faith, and give them the strength to keep trusting You. Please let the witness of Christians in tough times lead to others seeing and responding to the truth of the gospel. **Amen!**