











On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there.

Acts 16:13–15 (ESV)

14 One of those listening was a woman from the city of Thyatira named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message.

Acts 16:13–15 (ESV)

When she and the members of her household were baptized, she invited us to her home. "If you consider me a believer in the Lord," she said, "come and stay at my house." And she persuaded us.

Acts 16:13–15 (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 owners much gain by fortune-telling.

Acts 16:16–18 (ESV)

¹⁷ She followed Paul and us, crying out, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation."

Acts 16:16-18 (ESV)

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.

Acts 16:16–18 (ESV)

And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, ordering the jailer to keep them safely.

Acts 16:23–24 (ESV)

²⁴ Having received this order, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks.

Acts 16:23–24 (ESV)

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them....

Acts 16:25 (ESV)

Then he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" ³¹ And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household."

Acts 16:30–31 (ESV)

Then he brought them up into his house and set food before them. And he rejoiced along with his entire household that he had believed in God.



Taking this sermon home....

- God will nudge you. (Obey. Don't resist.)
- Go public and get baptized.
- Choose to respond to hard days with faith, trust, worship....



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