

SERMON NOTES:

Series: What is Needed Part 1: What Must I Do?

BIG Idea: The most urgent question a person can ask receives the simplest answer.

Application: Respond in faith to Jesus Christ—and publicly identify with Him through baptism as the beginning of a rightly ordered life.

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1. Crisis clarifies what truly matters.

Acts 16:25-30 (NLT)

²⁵ Around midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening. ²⁶ Suddenly, there was a massive earthquake, and the prison was shaken to its foundations. All the doors immediately flew open, and the chains of every prisoner fell off! ²⁷ The jailer woke up to see the prison doors wide open. He assumed the prisoners had escaped, so he drew his sword to kill himself. ²⁸ But Paul shouted to him, “Stop! Don’t kill yourself! We are all here!”

²⁹ The jailer called for lights and ran to the dungeon and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ Then he brought them out and asked, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”

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Crisis has a way of stripping life down to the questions that actually matter.

2. Salvation’s answer is clear, not complicated.

Acts 16:30 (NLT) ³⁰ Then he brought them out and asked, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”

Paul and Silas answer the man immediately:

Acts 16:31 (NLT) ³¹ They replied, “Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved, along with everyone in your household.”

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Salvation is not about what you do for Jesus, but trusting what Jesus has done for you.

3. Genuine faith always leads to a visible response.

Acts 16:32-34 (NLT)

³² And they shared the word of the Lord with him and with all who lived in his household. ³³ Even at that hour of the night, the jailer cared for them and washed their wounds. Then he and everyone in his household were immediately baptized. ³⁴ He brought them into his house and set a meal before them, and he and his entire household rejoiced because they all believed in God.

Real faith doesn't stay hidden – it steps forward in obedience.