

DYNAMIC DUO

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I. THE IMPORTANCE OF A DYNAMIC DUO

- Every one of us will face storms in our life.
- Every one of us needs a Silas.

II. FOUR DIFFERENT QUALITIES OF A SILAS

Acts 15:40 Paul chose Silas, and as he left, the believers entrusted him to the Lord's gracious care.

1. *A Silas will go with you on an adventure.*

Acts 16:9-10 That night Paul had a vision: A man from Macedonia in northern Greece was standing there, pleading with him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us!" So we decided to leave for Macedonia at once, having concluded that God was calling us to preach the Good News.

Deuteronomy 32:30 How could one man chase a thousand, or two put ten thousand to flight.

- When you come together with a friend who is willing to take an adventure, you have the potential to reach more people.

2. *A Silas will stand with you in faith.*

Acts 16:16 -17 One day as we were going down to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit that enabled her to tell the future. She earned a lot of money for her masters by telling fortunes. She followed Paul and the rest of us, shouting, "These men are servants of the Most High God, and they have come to tell you how to be saved.

Acts 16:18 This went on day after day until Paul got so exasperated that he turned and said to the demon within her, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And instantly it left her.

- A friend that will stand with you in faith.

Proverbs 27:17 As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend.

3. A Silas will walk with you into a storm.

Acts 16:19-21 Her masters' hopes of wealth were now shattered, so they grabbed Paul and Silas and dragged them before the authorities at the marketplace. ²⁰ "The whole city is in an uproar because of these Jews!" they shouted to the city officials. ²¹ "They are teaching customs that are illegal for us Romans to practice."

Acts 16:22-24 A mob quickly formed against Paul and Silas, and the city officials ordered them stripped and beaten with wooden rods.²³ They were severely beaten, and then they were thrown into prison. The jailer was ordered to make sure they didn't escape.²⁴ So the jailer put them into the inner dungeon and clamped their feet in the stocks.

- No matter what the storm may look like I'm not leaving you.

Acts 16:25-26 ²⁵Around 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!

4. A Silas will help you find strength in God.

- Who is your Silas?
- Who are you being a Silas for?

Proverbs 17:17 A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a time of adversity.