

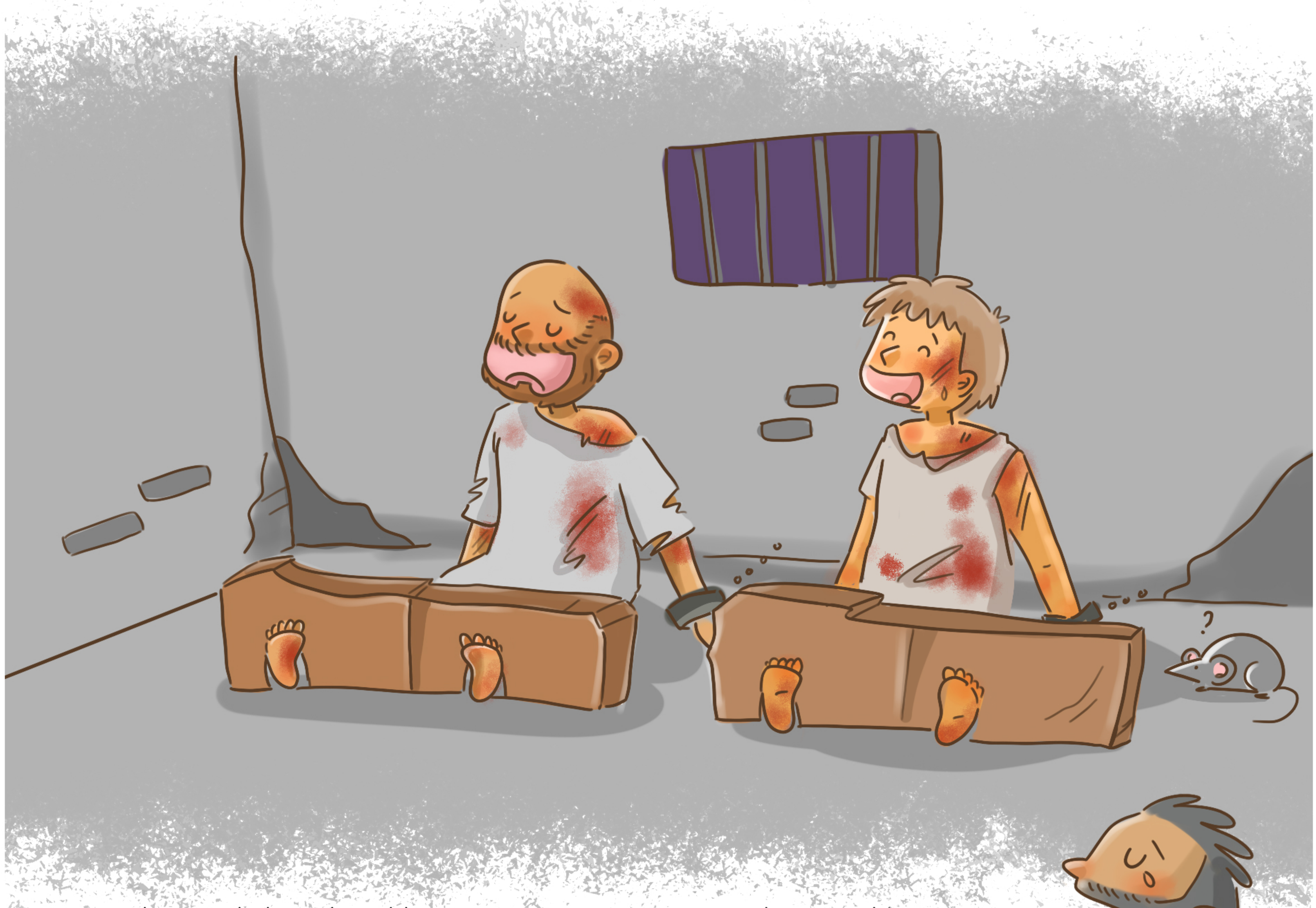


THE ADVENTURES OF PAUL

7. PAUL & SILAS PRISON BREAK

Paul and Silas were imprisoned for casting out a demon from a slave girl who did fortune-telling for money. The power of God broke them out of prison. The power of the Holy Spirit helps us as we serve Him.

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



26 and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone's bonds were unfastened.

27 When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped.



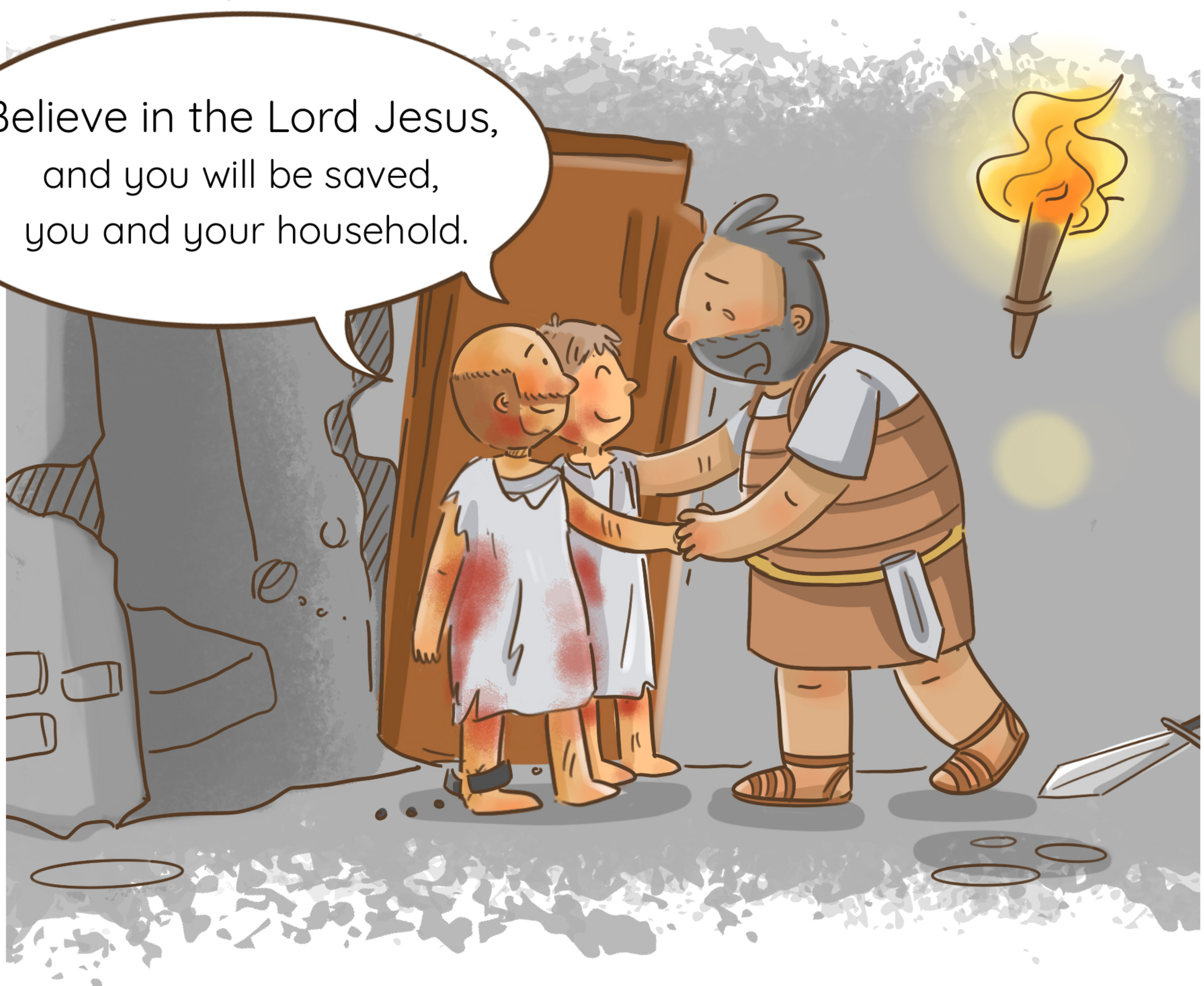
28 But Paul cried with a loud voice, “Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.”

29 And the jailer called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas.

30 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.



32 And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house.

33 And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their wounds; and he was baptized at once, he and all his family.

34 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.

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DID YOU KNOW



Paul and his friends had not planned to go to Philippi, where they were jailed. The Holy Spirit gave Paul a vision of a man from Macedonia asking for help (Acts 16:9-10). We make plans, but God directs our steps.



Paul and Silas were put in jail for doing something good. Paul cast a demon out of a slave girl, which upset her owners. Jesus said we are blessed when we suffer for righteousness (Matthew 5:10). Paul and Silas were definitely blessed in jail.



Paul and Silas were Roman citizens, which gave them special rights and privileges. Paul used these privileges sometimes to help their work (Acts 16:35-40). God made you who you are to be used for His purposes, even your nationality.



Even with all the difficulties, a healthy Philippian church was planted. Philippi was a wealthy city and later would send money to support Paul's missionary work (Philippians 4:15-19). Everything worked out for God's glory.

Read Luke 6:28 in your Bible and write it below. Just like Paul and Silas with the jailer, Jesus wants us to show His love to those that hurt us!



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