

# Monuments (Week 4)

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1. God is with us when everything else is AGAINST us.
2. Worship is one of the greatest WEAPONS God has given us
3. ONLY God is worthy of our WORSHIP.

Doing GOOD doesn't guarantee gratitude.

## **Acts 16:25-40**

Around **midnight** Paul and Silas were **praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening**. 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! 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. But **Paul shouted to him, "Stop! Don't kill yourself! We are all here!"**

Worship:

1. My life RAISED in SURRENDER.
2. My lips declare God's power to CHANGE the world... Even THROUGH me.

## **Acts 16:25-40 continued**

The jailer called for lights and ran to the dungeon and **fell down trembling** before Paul and Silas. Then he 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, along with everyone in your household." And they **shared the word of the Lord with him** and with all who lived in his household.

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**. 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.*

When God opens a DOOR, walk THROUGH it!

### **Acts 16:25-40 continued**

*The next morning the city officials sent the police to tell the jailer, “Let those men go!” So the jailer told Paul, “The city officials have said you and Silas are **free to leave. Go in peace.**”*

*But Paul replied, “They have **publicly beaten us without a trial** and put us in prison—and we are Roman citizens. So now they **want us to leave secretly?** Certainly not! Let them come themselves to release us!”*

We don't have to be SETTLERS.

### **Acts 16:25-40 continued**

*When the police reported this, the city officials were alarmed to learn that Paul and Silas were Roman citizens. So they came to the jail and apologized to them. Then they brought them out and begged them to leave the city.*

*When Paul and Silas left the prison, they returned to the home of Lydia. There **they met with the believers** and **encouraged them** once more. Then they left town.*

Worship That Pleases God:

1. Gives God all the GLORY.
2. Points us back to PEOPLE.

### **Talk it Over:**

1. Share about a moment or experience when you really felt connected to God. What was going on? What did you experience? Do you think if that moment/place/time often?
2. What does Worship meant to you? How would you describe worship if you were talking to someone who was not a Christ follower?
3. Read Acts 16:22-25 together. What stands out to you in this specific section?
4. How do you think we can begin to worship God in the moments

it seems the least natural thing to do?

5. Pray for one another. How can we encourage and lift one another up this week?

## **Take a Deeper Look:**

*This section is dedicated to those who want to explore and study the Bible more deeply. Set aside some time with your Bible and a notebook and no distractions (you can use digital devices too - just put 'em in airplane mode for 30 minutes). Read - Think - Pray - write down your thoughts... then do something - GO BE THE CHURCH!*

### **Read Acts 16:16-40**

- Take a few minutes to outline the story. Mark in your Bible, (highlight or underline) key phrases that stand out to you.
- **1 Kings 18 16-40** tells the story of a “worship showdown” in a Holy place. Take some time to read the story and then see if you can find similarities in Elijah and Paul’s moments and actions of faith.
- What differences do you see in these Old Testament and New Testament stories? How do you see Jesus work on the cross changing the scene and the outcome of the New Testament story?
- Pray that God would open your eyes and your heart this week to opportunities that might come your way to share your faith in Christ though what you’ve learned from this text.

## **Bible Reading Plans**

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