

THE
PRISON REVIVAL

ACTS 16:25-34

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25 And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard 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 every one's bands were loosed.

27 And the keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, he drew out his sword, and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had been fled.

Acts 16:25-34 - continued

28 But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here.

29 Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas,

30 And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved?

31 And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

Acts 16:25-34 - continued

32 And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house.

33 And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway.

34 And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house.

Introduction

A. Revival and riots

B. Revival at an unusual time

C. Four ingredients in the prison revival

I. Two Christians In Real Prayer (v 25)

A. Paul and Silas prayed

1. Their affliction drove them to their knees

James 5:13

**Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry?
let him sing psalms.**

Acts 12:5

**Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made
without ceasing of the church unto God for him.**

2. But these men prayed before trouble came (v 16)

Acts 16:16

**And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain
damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which
brought her masters much gain by soothsaying:**

I. Two Christians In Real Prayer (v 25)

B. When they prayed ... at midnight

1. It is never too dark to pray

2. Our God delights to work in the dark

Psalm 139:11

If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me.

Isaiah 9:2

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.

I. Two Christians In Real Prayer (v 25)

C. Prayer is always the foundation of revival

“Every great work of God can be traced to a kneeling figure” – D.L. Moody

II. Two Christians With The Right Attitude (v 25)

“And sang praises”

A. The praising is the miracle

Trouble came after...

a. Obeying the Macedonian call (v 9)

Acts 16:9

And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us.

II. Two Christians With The Right Attitude (v 25)

“And sang praises”

A. The praising is the miracle

Trouble came after... continued

b. Winning souls (vv 14-15)

Acts 16:14-15

14 And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard us: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul.

15 And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought us, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide there. And she constrained us.

II. Two Christians With The Right Attitude (v 25)

“And sang praises”

A. The praising is the miracle

Trouble came after...continued

c. Being prayerful (v 16)

d. Being sensitive to the need of the demon-possessed woman and released her (vv 16-18)

Acts 16:17-18

17 The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation.

18 And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour.

II. Two Christians With The Right Attitude (v 25)

C. Nevertheless they praised God

- 1. Focused on God's power instead of their problems**
- 2. Believed that God would deliver them**
- 3. Identified with Jesus**

Psalm 42:11

Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted in me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance.

D. The value of praise

Psalm 92:1

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O Most High:

III. Two Christians In The Right Place (v 28)

A. For God to act

Proverbs 3:6

In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

Psalms 37:5

Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.

B. For a tremendous testimony

Titus 1:9

Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.

III. Two Christians In The Right Place (v 28)

C. We as Christians need to be in the right place

1. Active in the church

1 John 2:19

They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us.

2. Separated in the world

Philippians 3:20

For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:

III. Two Christians In The Right Place (v 28)

**C. We as Christians need to be in the right place –
continued**

3. Abiding In the Lord

John 15:7

**If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask
what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.**

IV. Two Christians With The Right Message (v 31)

A. The greatest question: “What must I do to be saved?”

B. The only answer: “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ”

Acts 4:12

Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

Two Christians

In real prayer

With the right attitude

In the right place

With the right message

Get the right result

**What would a genuine revival change in
your life?**