Be Revived in ’25: Revitalize the Mission
Acts 16:23-34
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Acts 16:23-34: After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully. [24] When he received these orders, he put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. [25] About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. [26] Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone's chains came loose. [27] The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped. [28] But Paul shouted, "Don't harm yourself! We are all here!" [29] The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. [30] He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" [31] They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved-- you and your household." [32] Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. [33] At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his household were baptized. [34] The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God-- he and his whole household. (NIV)

Our Vision: Connect with Christ, Church and Community

1. _____ the challenges of mission

_____: We were not allowed to go into Asia Minor because the Spirit of Jesus would not permit us…Paul had a vision that night….
Acts 16:7,9 (JOT)

_____: There was a woman named Lydia who was sincerely seeking God. She was listening and God opened her heart to receive…she was baptized…and said, “If you decide that I am truly a believer…come and stay at my house!” Acts 16:14-15 (JOT)

_____: The fortune-telling servant girl who was enslaved in body and spirit had followed them for many days…Paul was upset by this and turned to her and said, “I command you in the name of Jesus….” Acts 16:18 (JOT)

2. _____ the power of mission

_____ on the Holy Spirit: Paul and Silas were black and blue and they were in the darkest cell. At midnight they were praying and singing praise to God! The other prisoners were captivated by their prayer and praise! Instead of cursing they were giving thanks! Acts 16:25 (JOT)

_____ compassionately: All the [prison] 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 drew his sword to kill himself. [28] But Paul shouted to him, “Stop! Don’t kill yourself! We are all here!”
Acts 16:26-28 (NLT)

_____ to the need: “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”[31]They replied, “Believe on the Lord Jesus and you will be saved, and your entire household… How he and his household rejoiced because all were now believers! Acts 16:30-31, 34b (TLB)

3. _____ on God’s plan

_____ with God: The shepherd returns rejoicing with the one lost lamb and says: Rejoice with me! I have found my lost sheep! I tell you truly that there is rejoicing in heaven over the repentance of a single sinner than the ninety-nine who feel safely justified and do not need to repent! Luke 15:7 (JOT)

Spiritual Action Step:

How is the Lord speaking to your life? Do you sense God opening your heart to his Word? Where do you need God’s guidance? Jesus says: *[20] “Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends!* (Revelation 3:20, TLB). Trust the power of the Holy Spirit to transform your heart and guide you to his love! God wants you to discover his light in your darkness and bring you safely home in his arms! This week read Acts 16 and Luke 15 to allow the Holy Spirit to fill you with the joy of God’s plan and purpose for your life!

Translations: NIV: New International Version; JOT: Jon’s Own Translation; MSG: The Message; NLT: New Living Translation; TLB: The Living Bible