

24 Hours in a Philippian Jail: God's Sufficient Grace Came to a Jailer's House

ACTS 16:25-34

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About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, 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. 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. But Paul cried with a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." And the jailer called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. 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. 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.

God's sufficient grace for you in weakness may result in God's sufficient grace for others.

1. Relying on God's sufficient grace during suffering results in worship. (16:25)
2. Relying on God's sufficient grace results in compassion for your enemies. (16:26-28)
3. Relying on God's sufficient grace results in gospel ministry for a hopeless soul. (16:29-32)
4. Relying on God's sufficient grace results in care for your fellow saints. (16:33)
5. Relying on God's sufficient grace results in joyous celebration of God's grace with your spiritual family. (16:34)

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APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. Can you share a time in your life, when you were caught enchanted by an experience?
2. What is your reaction to Paul and Silas' act of worship during their suffering?
3. How do you view Paul's act of love to the jailer? Has God ever used you at a time in your life to show compassion to someone, who had harmed you in some way?
4. Can you share a time in your life, where God provided an opportunity for you to minister the gospel to someone unexpectedly?
5. In your opinion, what is the significance of the jailer's actions towards Paul and Silas at the end of the story?
6. How can you joyously celebrate with others God's sufficient grace in your life?

Quote for the Week. . .
by Hudson Taylor

"I am no longer anxious about anything, as I realize the Lord is able to carry out His will, and His will is mine. It makes no matter where He places me, or how. That is rather for Him to consider than for me; for in the easiest positions He must give me His grace, and in the most difficult, His grace is sufficient."

