

“The Benefits of Living for the Cross”

Writing to Win

Acts 16:25-34

Introduction:

To Write – is to earn the right to imprint the truth of God’s word on another’s heart and that impression becomes the catalyst that leads or opens a person up to salvation. There is a cost to write for God, because the writing takes place while life is happening as we walk with others.

Background Paul and Silas’ Imprisonment: Acts 16:16-24

I. God Never Sleeps v.25

- a. It was at midnight Paul and Silas was praying and singing hymns.
- b. In spite of their unjust treatment they continued to give God praise 1 Thess 5:16-18
- c. They knew the God they served never sleeps or slumbers Ps 121:3-4

II. God Answers Prayer v.26

- a. The prayers of the righteous are powerful and effective
- b. We should have confidence in whatever we ask of God in His will we will receive 1 Jhn 5:14-15

III. Do Yourself No Harm v.27

- a. The Jailer thought his worse fear had come
- b. He knew if 1 prisoner was gone it would cost him his life Acts 12:18-19

IV. Our Witness Writes to Win Lives v.28

- a. Paul and Silas’ witness was a powerful light in this dark situation
- b. Paul and Silas’ conduct impacted those around them for good Phil 1:27

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- V. Our Light Should Shine Brightest in Trials vs. 29-30**
 - a. The Jailer wanted what Paul and Silas had
 - b. He saw how they handled all the unjust treatment
 - c. There is a lesson in all of this Phil 2:14-15

- VI. Be Prepared to Lead Someone to Christ vs. 31-32**
 - a. We are to always be prepared to lead someone to Christ. 1 Pet 3:15
 - b. Our message of Christ must be consistent with the Word of God
 - c. We are called to fulfill the Great Commission Matt 28:19-20

- VII. First Act of a Transformed Life vs. 33-34**
 - a. The Jailer showed compassion and took care of the needs of Paul and Silas
 - b. The Jailer and his family followed in the footsteps of Christ and was baptized
 - c. Fellowshipped with the Brothers.