

The Jailer and His Household

1. Paul & Silas Jailed for Jailer and His Household (25-30).

2. Jailer & Family Set Apart for God's Purposes (31-34).

3. Jesus Is the Lord of All Nations (35-40).

CONCLUSION: The jailer had just been following orders, even though they were vile and unjust orders; it wasn't his fault. Then an earthquake struck and he would be blamed for the prisoners' escape. But something totally unexpected happened. He heard the Word of the Lord and found deliverance for himself and his family. Then at his kitchen table, sometime past midnight, the grace and mercy of Jesus were on full display. The King took this family as His own and through them ministered to others. Come and praise the Lord God Almighty!

Acts 2: 38 – 41

And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For *the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off*, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

Acts 11: 12 – 14

And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. And he told us how he had seen the angel stand in his house and say, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon who is called Peter; *he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.*’

Acts 28: 28 – 31

Therefore let it be known to you that *this salvation* of God has been sent to the Gentiles; they will listen.” He lived there two whole years at his own expense, and welcomed all who came to him, proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the *Lord Jesus Christ* with all boldness and without hindrance.

Philippians 2: 9 – 11

Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that **Jesus Christ is Lord**, to the glory of God the Father.

Second Corinthians 4: 5 – 12

For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but *Jesus Christ as Lord*, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus’ sake. For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus’ sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

Taking Gathered Worship Home

We are introduced to this Philippian Jailer without a name. He simply follows orders. He puts Paul & Silas in the inner cell with their bloody backs unwashed and their feet locked in stocks. Yet when God supernaturally unlocks the unjust bonds of our missionary friends, it is not to free them, but to rescue the Jailer and his family.

Please use the devotional material below each day this week to praise Christ. Ask Jesus to teach us His ways that we may walk in them to accomplish His purposes.

Sunday Morning

READ **Acts 16:25-40; 2Corinthians 4:5-12; Philippians 2:9-11**. DISCUSS, What does it mean that Jesus is the Lord? Have you confessed that He is? Have you submitted yourself to His rule and reign over all of your life? PRAY “Jesus, You are Lord of all. Please help us to submit to You in every aspect of our lives, individually, in our families, and together as a congregation at FCCW.”

Sunday Evening

Young Adults Fellowship at **6:00** pm. *Please come to FCCW's Library!*

Monday

READ **Acts 16:25-40; 2Corinthians 4:5-12.**; DISCUSS, What specifically about Jesus should we be proclaiming? Why? For our own sake? How can we do this when we are so weak? MEDITATE on **Romans 10:9**. PRAY, “Lord, You give us the incredible privilege of telling others about Your Kingdom. Embolden us to do so.”

Tuesday

READ **Acts 10:2; 11:12-14; 16:15; 31-34; 18:8**. DISCUSS, Compare and contrast these four households. What is their initial position regarding the God of the Bible? Where are they officially identified? What happens? What is their reaction? Whose reaction is specifically mentioned in each? MEDITATE on **Romans 10:9**. PRAY, “Jesus, thank You for drawing us to believe that You are Lord of all. Thank You for Your work in and through our families/households.”

Wednesday

READ **Acts 2:38-41; 11:12-14; 16:31-34; 28:28-31**. DISCUSS, For whom is the promise of salvation given? Why? What should we do if we believe Jesus is the Lord? *How are we identified as part of His people?* MEDITATE on **Romans 10:9**. PRAY, “Jesus, thank You for your promised deliverance from evil. Work in and through our families we pray. ”

Thursday

READ **Acts 16:25-40; Philippians 2:9-11**. DISCUSS, What does it mean to confess Jesus as Lord? How does this address our identity as rebels against God? How does God change the Jailer’s loyalties? What does that mean for his family? MEDITATE on **Romans 10:9**. PRAY, “Lord, enable us to walk in Your ways. Guide us in Your truth.”

Friday

READ **Acts 16:25-40; 2Corinthians 4:5-12; Philippians 2:9-11**. DISCUSS, How has God been teaching you from these passages this week? MEDITATE on **Romans 10:9**. PRAY for faithfulness at FCCW and revival throughout the area.

Saturday

PREPARE today for the worship service tomorrow. *Both live-stream & in-person services are available.*

READ **Luke 16:1-17; Malachi 3:6-12**. Invite others to join you tomorrow for either the *live-stream or in-person service*. Ask Jesus to help us love our neighbors well.

Romans 10: 9

“If you confess with your mouth that **Jesus is Lord** and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”