

Acts, Part 12 / Light in the Darkness / Acts 16:16-34 (NIV)

In Acts 16, Paul and Silas show us what it looks like to bring the light of Jesus into the darkest places—confronting spiritual oppression with Christ’s authority and responding to suffering with worship and prayer. Even in prison, their praise becomes a weapon, and God uses their faithfulness to shake the foundations, not just of the jail, but of a man’s life. The miracle wasn’t just freedom from chains, but the salvation of the jailer and his entire household. This passage reminds us that when we trust Jesus in the darkness, He brings transformation, freedom, and light to everyone around us.

Let’s go in our Bibles: Acts 16:16-24 (NIV)

1. _____ spiritual darkness with _____.

Acts 16:18 (NIV)

She kept this up for many days. Finally Paul became so annoyed that he turned around and said to the spirit, “In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to come out of her!” At that moment the spirit left her.

When you shine a light in the darkness, don’t be surprised when the dark pushes back.

Let’s go in our Bibles: Acts 16:25-34 (NIV)

2. _____ opposition with _____ and _____.

Acts 16:25 (NIV)

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them.

It’s not about denying reality, it’s about bringing Christ into reality.

When God’s light breaks through, miracles happen and evil has to flee.

Acts 16:26 (NIV)

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.

Acts 16:31 (NIV)

They replied, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household.”

Stand in His light, speak His power, and watch the darkness run!

Where is God calling you to bring light to the darkness?

What idol is in your life that you need to remove?

What battle do you need to pray and worship through?