

THE GIFT: Living Life on Mission
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As followers of Jesus, we shouldn't be surprised when we experience OPPOSITION or suffering as we share the Gospel.

Acts 16:25, About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them.

Physically they were bound, but spiritually they were FREE.

God will sometimes allow suffering to refine us and teach us to be more dependent on HIM.

Worshipping God might not change our circumstances, but it will TRANSFORM our heart.

Acts 16:26, 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.

Acts 16:27, 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.

Acts 16:28, ... "Don't harm yourself! We are all here!"

Acts 16:29, The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas.

Acts 16:30, He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

God is a personal God and He's always the INITIATOR in the relationship. He will use circumstances, His word and believers to draw people to Himself.

Acts 16:31, They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household."

Acts 16:32, *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.*

Acts 16:34, *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.*

Being on mission is a lifestyle not a destination.