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SAGA 7 OF 10 • ACTS 16



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SAGA 7 OF 10 — PAUL AND SILAS AT MIDNIGHT

All Scripture is from the King James Version. The words of Jesus are printed in red.

This book holds one saga by itself, with the same words shared on its morning.

THE KEY VERSE

"And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them." — ACTS 16:25

THE SAGA — PAUL AND SILAS AT MIDNIGHT (ACTS 16)

Paul and Silas had been beaten with rods and thrown into the innermost prison in Philippi, their feet fastened in stocks, for setting a young woman free. No service. No choir. No instruments. Their backs bled and their feet were locked — and at the darkest hour of the night, they worshiped:

> "And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them." — ACTS 16:25

God answered with an earthquake that opened every door and loosed every chain — and the jailer's whole household believed and was

baptized that same night. This is the declaration in real life: worship is not what we do when everything is open and easy. It is what rises out of a surrendered heart at midnight, when everything is locked.

JESUS IN THIS SAGA

Paul and Silas were in that prison for one reason: the name of Jesus. And before the night was over, the jailer was asking how to be saved. Their answer is still the answer today:

> "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house." — ACTS 16:31

THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THIS SAGA

The Holy Spirit was guiding the whole trip. In this same chapter, He stopped Paul from going one way and sent him another — and that is how Paul reached Philippi, and that prison, and that jailer:

> "After they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia: but the Spirit suffered them not."
> — ACTS 16:7

The Spirit still leads God's people to the very place where their worship is needed most.

CARRY THIS WITH YOU TODAY

Paul and Silas sang with wounded backs in a locked cell. What usually stops your praise — and what does their midnight teach you?

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Write the declaration in your own words, then write one "midnight" — one hard place — where you choose to worship anyway.



ABOUT THIS SAGA

Beaten with rods, locked in the innermost prison, feet fast in the stocks — and at midnight, Paul and Silas prayed and sang praises to God. The prisoners heard them. Then God shook the prison open, and the jailer's whole household believed.

This is the seventh saga. It is worship at midnight: praise that rises when everything is locked and nothing is easy.

This book is Saga 7 of 10 from “Worshiping the Father in Spirit and in Truth.” Each saga also has its own book, and all ten sagas stand together in the full book.

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— ACTS 16:25 (KJV)

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