

PAUL & SILAS IN JAIL

Acts 13:1-3 & 15:40 & 16:4-34

13:1 Paul was at Jesus' church in the city of Antioch (in northern Syria about 600 kilometers north of Jerusalem). 2 The leaders in the church were worshipping God – then God's Holy Spirit said, "I want Paul to do work for me." 3 So the leaders of the church prayed – then the leaders sent Paul to do God's work.

15:40 Paul wanted to work with Silas – so Paul chose Silas. 16:4 And they traveled from town to town. 5 Paul and Silas helped Jesus' churches have strong faith in Jesus. And every day more people joined the churches.

12 Then Paul and Silas traveled to the city of Philippi (about 1500 kilometers west in Greece). 16 There was a slave girl in Philippi. The slave girl had a bad spirit. The bad spirit gave the girl power – so the slave girl could tell the future. The girl's owners made a lot of money, because the slave girl was a fortune-teller.

17 [For many days] the slave girl followed Paul and Silas. Again and again she shouted, "These men work for the Highest God. These men are telling you how to be saved."

18 After many days Paul became upset. Paul said to the bad spirit, "In the name of Jesus Christ, come out of the girl." Instantly, the bad spirit came out of the girl.

19 Now, the slave girl could not tell the future. And the girl's owners could not make money. So the girl's owners grabbed Paul and Silas – and the owners took Paul and Silas to the judges. 20 The owners said to the judges, "Paul and Silas are Jews – and they are upsetting our city. 21 We are Romans. But they are teaching foreign customs."

22-23 The judges said: "Whip Paul and Silas." So, soldiers took off Paul's and Silas's robes – and whipped Paul and Silas many times. Paul and Silas were badly injured. Then the soldiers threw Paul and Silas into jail. 24 The jailer put Paul's and Silas's feet in the stocks.

25 About midnight Paul and Silas were praying to God – and they were singing songs to God. The other prisoners were listening to Paul and Silas.

26 Suddenly there was a very big earthquake. The jail shook. All the jail doors suddenly opened. And the prisoner's chains came off – and the prisoners were free.

27 The jailer woke up. The jailer saw all the doors open. He thought: Oh no! The prisoners escaped. So the jailer took out his sword – he wanted to kill himself. 28 But Paul shouted, "No! Don't kill yourself! All the prisoners are here."

29 The jailer ran to Paul and Silas – and the jailer knelt at Paul's and Silas's feet. 30 The jailer asked, "What must I do? I want to be saved." 31 Paul and Silas answered, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved – you and your family."

32 Then Paul and Silas told the jailer and the jailer's family about Jesus. 33 The jailer washed Paul's and Silas's injuries. Then the jailer and all his family were baptized.

34 The jailer was very happy, because, now, he and all his family believed in God.

CONTENT QUESTIONS

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What did God's Holy Spirit tell Paul to do? (chapter 13 verse 2)
- Who went with Paul? (chapter 15 verse 40)
- What did Paul and Silas do in many towns? (chapter 16 verse 5)
- Who did Paul and Silas meet in Philippi? (verse 16)
- What was in (inside) the slave girl? (verse 16)
- What could the slave girl do? (verse 16) Why could she do this?
- Why did the owners like the slave girl? (verse 16)
- How did the slave girl **bother** Paul and Silas? (verse 17)
- What did Paul say to the bad spirit? (verse 18) And what did the bad spirit do?

What do you think: Did Paul help the slave girl?

- After this, could the slave girl tell the future? (verse 19)
- How did the slave girl's owners feel? (verse 19) And what did they do?

Which do you think is more important: Money or the girl?

- What did the judges and soldiers do to Paul and Silas? (verses 22-23)
 - Where did the jailer put Paul's and Silas's
- What were Paul and Silas doing at midnight in the jail? (verse 25)

Why do you think they were singing and praying to God?

Is this **normal** (after being whipped and thrown in jail)?

Why can believers in Jesus thank God when things are bad?

31 God is for us, so no one can be against us! 32 God gave us his Son – so God will give us everything else too. 34 No one can send us to hell – because Jesus died for us – plus Jesus became alive again for us. And now Jesus is sitting with God – and Jesus is our go-between between us and God.

35 Nothing can separate us from Jesus' love for us! Not trouble, not hard times, not persecution, not having no food, not having no clothes, not danger, not killing. 37 We win big against all these things because Jesus loves us and helps us. 38-39 I know that nothing can separate us from God's love for

us in Jesus – not death or life, not angels or bad spirits, not high places or deep places, not today or the future, not powerful people or powerful governments or powerful spirits – nothing in the universe can separate us from God’s love for us. God gives us his love through Jesus Christ – and Jesus is our Lord!

Romans 8:31-39

- Who were listening to Paul and Silas? (verse 25)

What do you think the prisoners were thinking?

- Then, what suddenly happened? (verse 26)

Who do you think sent the earthquake?

- What happened to the prisoners? (verse 26)
- What did the jailer see? And think? (verse 27) And what did the jailer start to do?
- What did Paul shout? (verse 28)

Did Paul care about the jailer?

Is that amazing? Are you surprised?

- What did the jailer ask Paul and Silas? (verse 30)

What did the jailer mean by: I want to “be saved”?

Why do you think he asked Paul and Silas?

Why did the jailer think that Paul and Silas could help him?

- What did Paul and Silas answer the jailer? (verse 31)
- Why was the jailer so happy? (verse 34)

Is believing in Jesus only for us? Or is it for our families too?

Why do you think the jailer was happy that all his family believed in Jesus?

Silas	シラス
jail	牢獄
Church – (all believers in Jesus in heaven and on earth = Jesus' body) • church – (a local group of people who believe in Jesus), (their building)	キリストの教会（キリストを信じる全ての天と地にいる人々＝キリストの体）・教会（現地に集まるキリストの信者、その建物）
city	市
Antioch (city in Syria)	アンティオキア、アンテオケ（シリアにある市）
northern	北部
Syria	シリア（イスラエルの北にある国）
kilometer	キロメートル
Jerusalem	エルサレム（イスラエルの都）
worship	礼拝をする、拝む
Holy Spirit	聖霊、神様の霊、キリストの霊
want	欲しい、欲しがる、望む、求める、やりたい
pray	祈る
send - sent - sent	見送る、送る、使いにやる
choose - chose - (have) chosen	選ぶ、選んだ、選んだことがある
travel	旅する
town	町
help	助ける、助け
strong / stronger / strongest	強い・より強い・最も強い
faith	信仰（信仰＝信じること・神様を信じること）
more	もっと、～より
join	メンバーになる、（クラブ）に入る、交わる、参加する、携わる
west	西
Greece	ギリシア、ギリシヤ
slave	奴隷
bad spirit	悪霊、汚れた霊
power	力
can - could	できる
tell	見通す、見分ける、区別がつく、判別がつく、悟る

future	将来、未来
owner	持ち主、オーナー
a lot of	たくさん、多い
money	お金
because	～のため、～のせい、なぜなら
fortune-teller	占い師
follow	従う、後をついていく
again and again	たびたび
shout	叫ぶ
these	これら
Highest God	いと高き神
tell	命じる、教える、伝える、戒める、話をする
how	どう、どのくらい
be saved	救われる
become - became - became	になる、なる
upset	焦る、焦らせる
in the name of	～の名によって
instantly	すぐに、たちまち
now	今、もう、さて、それで
grab	つかむ
judge	裁判官、裁き人、裁く
Jew	ユダヤ人（イスラエル人）
Roman	ローマ（帝国）の
foreign	外国の
custom	習慣
whip	鞭、鞭で打つ
take off - took off - taken off	脱ぐ、ほどく
robe	ローブ、衣
many times	何度も
badly	酷く、悪く、非常に
injure	けがする
throw - threw - thrown	投げる

jailer	看守
feet	足
stocks	木の足かせ
about	について、約
midnight	12:00 a.m.
sing - sang - sung	歌う
song	歌
other	他の、他
prisoner	囚人
listen	(わざと) 聞く、聞き入れる、聞き従う、に聞く
suddenly	突然、急に
very	非常に
earthquake	地震
shake - shook - shaken	揺れる、揺り動かす、ゆすぶる、震える
all	すべて
door	戸口、ドア
open	開く、(人に心が) 開いてる
chain	鎖
come off - came off - come off	外れる
free	自由、自由にさせる
wake up - woke up - woken up	起こす・起きる
escape	逃亡する、逃げる、免れる
take out - took out - taken out	出す、取り出す、(剣を脱ぐ)
sword	剣
kill	殺す
himself	彼自身
yourself	あなた自身
here	ここ
kneel - knelt - knelt	ひざまずく
ask	尋ねる、聞く
must	しなければならない
answer	答える、答え

believe	信じる
Lord	主、天地創造の神様
family	家族
wash	洗う
injury	怪我
baptize	洗礼（を受ける）、バプテスマ（を受ける）
happy	嬉しい、喜ぶ、幸せだ
_____	洗礼を受けた、バプテスマを受けた
bother	迷惑をかける、煩わす
which	どちら
important	大切、重要な、大事な、重大、優れる、えらい（人）
or	または、あるいは
normal	普通、普段（の行動、態度、出来事、など）
after	の後、ののち
believer	信者
thank	感謝する
for	～のため、～の味方
against	に対して、に反して、逆らう
everything	すべて、全部
else	他に
too	～すぎる、あまりに、も
hell	地獄
plus	その上、それに、足す
alive again	再び生きる、復活する
go-between	仲介者
between	の間、間
nothing	何もない、何でもない、無
separate	引き離す
trouble	問題、迷惑、面倒、苦勞、悩み、困難、患 い、困る、困らせる
hard / harder / hardest	硬い、難しい、やりにくい、一生懸命、激しい
persecution	迫害

clothes [pronunciation : kloze]	服、衣服、衣、洋服
danger	危険
killing	殺し
win big	勝って余り、圧倒的な勝利
death	死
life	命
angel	天使
high	高い
place	場所、所
deep	深い
today	今日
powerful	力ある、力強い
government	政府
universe	宇宙
through	を通して
amazing	驚くべき、不思議、びっくりするような、すごい
surprise	驚く、驚かす、びっくり、びっくりする
mean - meant - meant	意味する