



Power From on High

Series: Power From On High.
Title: Jailhouse Rock
Lesson: 86

Text: Acts 16:26-34
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Acts 16:26 and suddenly there came a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison house were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened.

“great earthquake”

Angels - Acts 5:19; 12:7

Why does God use earthquakes?

1. To put His power on display
2. To mark or punctuate significant events

“and” - Conjunction

“so that” (purpose)

There were only four effects: (selective shaking)

1. It shook the **“foundations”** of the prison
2. It opened all the **“doors”** (more than one)
3. It unfastened everyone’s **“chains”**

There were at least three spiritual affects:

1. It confirmed to Paul and Silas that God was with them.
2. It caused the prisoners to connect God to Paul / Silas
3. It not only caused the jailer to awake from his sleep, but it also helped awaken him spiritually to his need for salvation

Miracles were signs pointing to God.

27 When the jailer awoke and saw the prison doors opened, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped.

28 But Paul cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Do not harm yourself, for we are all here!”

29 And he called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas,

30 and after he brought them out, he said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”

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

Principles of salvation:

1. Everyone who comes to saving faith must ask themselves that same question.
2. Everyone who comes to this point has come under the conviction of the Holy Spirit.

John 16:8 “And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning **sin** and **righteousness** and **judgment**;

3. He understood that he could be saved.

A close look at their answer:

1. Salvation is by _____ alone (believe).

What does it mean to “believe” in Christ?

A. He is the One He _____ to be.

John 20:31 but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is **the Christ, the Son of God**; and that believing you may have life in His name.

The actual Greek - “THE Son of **THE** God”

B. He _____ what

He promised .

1 Corinthians 15:3–4 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ **died for our sins** according to the Scriptures, 4 and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,

Romans 10:9–10 that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God **raised Him from the dead**, you will be saved; 10 for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.

2. Salvation includes _____.

29 And he called for lights and rushed in, and **trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas,**

30 and after he brought them out, he said, **“Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”**

3. We are not saved by _____.

32 And they spoke the word of the Lord to him together with all who were in his house.

“And”

33 And he took them that very hour of the night and washed their wounds, and immediately he was baptized, he and all his household.

_____ is evidence of conversion.

1. He exhibited the fruit of _____.

2 He was _____ along with the others.

34 And he brought them into his house and set food before them, and rejoiced greatly, having believed in God with his whole household.

3. He _____ .

Implication

**We should always be ready and prepared to give the
gospel for our _____
divine appointments.**

Discussion Guide

1. Why does God use natural disasters?

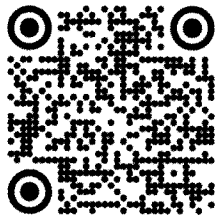
Deut. 11:17; James 5:17. Num. 16:30-34; Ro. 8:19-21
Luke 21:11; par. Matt 24:7; Mark 13:8

2. List all the ways we see providence from Acts 16:6-26.

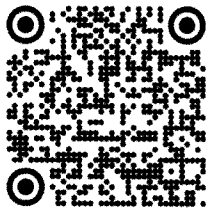
3. Reread Acts 16:30-31 and discuss the elements of true conversion.

4. Explain how evangelism is planned and unplanned. How should this change our perspective of missions?

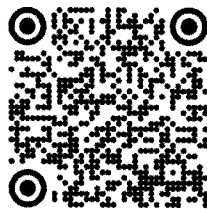
5. What was your takeaway from today's message?



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*Online
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Truth, Trunk or Treat

ANSWERS: faith, claimed, accomplished, repentance, works, Change, love, baptized, rejoiced, unexpected