

PRAY ABOUT EVERYTHING

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Philippians 4:6 NLT Don't worry about anything; instead, *pray about everything*.

Romans 12:12 NIV Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, *faithful in prayer*.

Acts 16:16-19

Once when we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a female slave who had a spirit by which she predicted the future. She earned a great deal of money for her owners by fortune-telling. She followed Paul and the rest of us, shouting, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who are telling you the way to be saved." 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 her owners realized that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace to face the authorities.

References:

Psalms 119:55-62

Acts 16:26-28

Acts 16:35-36

Acts 16:38-39

Acts 16:23-24

After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully. When he received these orders, he put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

Acts 16:25

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

More than likely, the hymns sung by Paul and Silas were Psalms 113-118 or "The Hallel"

1

HOW WE _____ TO LIFE'S SITUATIONS MAY BE THE CAUSE
FOR PEOPLE TO _____ OR _____ THE GOSPEL

2 Timothy 1:11-12

And of this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher. That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet this is no cause for shame, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that He is able to guard what I have entrusted to Him until that day.

Acts 16:29-30

The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

Acts 16:31

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

The original translation of “saved” means “to deliver from the penalties of Messianic judgement.”

Acts 16:32-34

Then they (Paul & Silas) spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his household were baptized. 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.

2

**EVIDENCE OF TRUE _____ IS A LOVING DESIRE TO MAKE
_____ AND _____ WHEN WE’VE HURT OTHERS**

Acts 16:37

But Paul said to the officers: “They beat us publicly without a trial, even though we are Roman citizens, and threw us into prison. And now do they want to get rid of us quietly? No! Let them come themselves and escort us out.”

Acts 16:40

After Paul and Silas came out of the prison, they went to Lydia’s house, where they met with the brothers and sisters and encouraged them. Then they left.

Matthew 5:11-12

Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

3

**PERSECUTION IN THE NAME OF JESUS IS FOLLOWED BY
_____ AND _____**

Psalms 118:6-7

The LORD is with me; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me? The LORD is with me; He is my helper. I look in triumph on my enemies.

THE LORD WILL SEND HIS FAITHFUL LOVE BY DAY;

HIS SONG WILL BE WITH ME IN THE NIGHT — A PRAYER TO THE GOD OF MY LIFE.

