

CHALLENGE ACCEPTED

“Living Your Faith Out Loud”

²² A mob quickly formed against Paul and Silas, and the city officials ordered them stripped and beaten with wooden rods. ²³ They were **severely beaten**, and then they were thrown into prison. The jailer was ordered to make sure they didn't escape. ²⁴ So the jailer put them into the **inner dungeon** and clamped their feet in **the stocks**.

Acts 16:22-24 (NLT)

²⁵ Around midnight Paul and Silas were **praying and singing hymns to God**, and the **other prisoners were listening**.

Acts 16:25 (NLT)

²⁶ Suddenly, there was a massive earthquake, and the prison was shaken to its foundations. All the doors immediately flew open, and **the chains of every prisoner fell off!** ²⁷ The jailer woke up to see the prison doors wide open. He assumed the prisoners had escaped, **so he drew his sword to kill himself**. **Acts 16:26-27 (NLT)**

⁴⁴ “Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.” **Matthew 5:44 (NIV)**

²⁸ But Paul shouted to him, **“Stop! Don't kill yourself! We are all here!”** ²⁹ The jailer called for lights and ran to the dungeon and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas.

³⁰ Then he brought them out and asked, **“Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”** **Acts 16:28-30 (NLT)**

³¹ They replied, **“Believe in the Lord Jesus** and you will be saved, along with everyone in your household.” ³² And they shared the word of the Lord with him and with all who lived in his household. ³³ Even at that hour of the night, **the jailer cared for them and washed their wounds**. Then he and everyone in his household were **immediately baptized**. ³⁴ He brought them into his house and set a meal before them, and he and his entire household rejoiced because they all believed in God. **Acts 16:31-34 (NLT)**

- God wants us to live out our faith **BOLDLY** and **PROUDLY**
- **OBNOXIOUSLY + INAPPROPRIATELY + OFFENSIVELY**
= INEFFECTIVELY
- **UNASHAMEDLY + INTENTIONALLY + UNMISTAKABLY**
= REMARKABLY