

Sermon Discussion (11/30/2025)

101 #5 / Acts 16:25–33

The church is growing and so is the need to receive direction from Jesus. Paul is in prison, but his mind is still free.

Title: Freedom

The Main Question: How do we live free?

Points to Consider

1. Live with a renewed mind.
2. Living by faith.
3. Live by hope.

Scripture References:

Acts 16:25–33 NIV

²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶ Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone's chains came loose. ²⁷ The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸ But Paul shouted, "Don't harm yourself! We are all here!" ²⁹ The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" ³¹ They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household." ³² Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. ³³ At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his household were baptized.

Application Questions

- When have you felt stuck, trapped, chained or in bondage by the way you were thinking?
- What was that feeling like?
- How did you escape it?

Love God / Invitation / Relationship

We experience the love of God when we invite Him into our lives.

- Read [Acts 16:25-33](#).
- What does Paul want for the “jailer?”
- How does Paul achieve this?
- What sacrifice does he make?
- What does the jailer do to experience the love of God?

Find Freedom / Learning / Clarity

Freedom is found when we learn a new way to think.

- Discuss how Paul must be thinking and compare it to the way you may have been thinking.
- What is the difference?
- How does this relate to freedom?

See God / Prayer / Affirmation

It is much easier for us to “see” God when we are communicating with God.
Prayer is how we communicate with God.

- Being able to “see God” is front and center in this story. In how many ways is the idea of “seeing” demonstrated?
- What does this tell you about how important it is to “see” God?

Experience Healing / Serve Others / Opportunities

The brokenness in our hearts begins to heal as we serve other people.

- Healing happens both to Paul and to the Jailer. What are the circumstances surrounding each of their “healings?”

Discover Joy / Gratitude / Community

The more grateful we are the more joy we feel.

- Who is grateful in this story?
- Who demonstrates Joy?
- What is the connection between the two?