

Title: Midnight Miracles

Text: Acts 16:25-34

Target: God specializes in doing miracles when it feels like time has run out.

1. **Song in the Suffering:** *“About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them,”* (Vs. 25)
 - a. **Worship over Worry:** *“praying and singing hymns”*
 - b. **Worship became a Witness:** *“prisoners were listening to them”*

Main Question:

When you're in a painful or uncertain situation, is worship your natural response? Why or why not?

Follow-up Scripture: James 1:2–4

*How does choosing joy in trials grow your faith and endurance?
 (“Consider it pure joy... because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance...”)*

Follow-up Scripture: Psalm 42:11

What do you tend to say to your soul when you're discouraged? How can Scripture help realign your heart toward hope?

2. **Shaking of the Supernatural:** *“and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone’s bonds were unfastened.”* (Vs. 26)
 - a. **Foundations:** *“shaken”*
 - b. **Doors:** *“opened”*
 - c. **Bonds:** *“unfastened”*

Main Question:

Where in your life do you sense God “shaking” something to get your attention—or to set you free?

Follow-up Scripture: Isaiah 43:19

What “new thing” might God be doing in your life right now that requires trust to walk into?

Follow-up Scripture: 2 Corinthians 3:17

"Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom." What kind of freedom do you believe God wants for you right now?

3. Stopped by a Shout: *"But Paul cried with a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.'" (Vs. 28)*

a. Voice of Concern: *"cried with a loud voice"*

b. Voice of Compassion: *"Don't harm yourself"*

Main Question:

Have you ever had the opportunity to speak life into someone who was struggling? How did you respond?

Follow-up Scripture: Galatians 6:2

"Carry each other's burdens..." What burden might someone in your life be carrying that you can help lift?

Follow-up Scripture: Proverbs 18:21

Your words have power. How can you intentionally use your voice this week to encourage or rescue someone?

4. Seeking of Salvation: *"Then he brought them out and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?'" (Vs. 30)*

a. Plan of Salvation: *"And they said, 'Believe in the Lord Jesus,'" (Vs. 31b)*

b. Promise of Salvation: *"you will be saved, you and your household." (Vs. 31b)*

c. Picture of Salvation: *"And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their wounds; and he was baptized at once, he and all his family." (Vs. 33)*

Main Question:

How has your relationship with Jesus impacted the people closest to you?

Follow-up Scripture: Romans 10:9–13

What does it really mean to "confess with your mouth and believe in your heart"? How would you explain salvation to someone who asked?

Follow-up Scripture: *Matthew 5:14–16*

In what ways is your life a light in your home, workplace, or community? Where could your light shine brighter?

Takeaway: When you hit midnight, don't panic. God does His best writing in the dark.



Community Group Challenge:

Have each person share a "midnight moment", a time when things felt hopeless but God showed up. What did they learn, and how did it shape their faith?

Prayer Focus: Ask God to help each person worship in suffering, see His hand in the shaking, speak life when needed, and walk boldly in the power of salvation.