

## Unstoppable Power! -Part 2

Text: Acts 16:19-40

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### Big Idea:

#### Context is key!

#### Question #1 (Context)

*Ask Yourself: What is going on in the text?*

- a) What is the setting and what is happening?
- b) Who are the main characters?
- c) Are there any words/phrases that are repeated?

#### Question #2 (Context)

*Ask Yourself: What does the text say about God and about me?*

- a) Is God saying or showing something about Himself? If so, what?
- b) Do the words in the text predict, prophesy or picture something about Jesus? If so, what?
- c) Is God saying or showing something about us? If so, what?
- d) How does the text point to my need for Jesus? How?

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**Point 1:** \_\_\_\_\_: **He's over it and in it! (vv. 19-25)**

*Question: Jesus is sovereign over every part of every situation. Will you trust Him and seek Him?*

*Sermon Notes...*

#### Question #3

- a) **Rd. vv. 19-25:** Describe in detail the unjust situation and the physical suffering that Paul & Silas face here before the leaders of Philippi.
- b) What is their response to this treatment? What/Who was their faith anchored in? How do you know?
- c) Spend time as a group sharing Scriptures that emphasize the unchanging character and position of God. Keep these on hand to use in prayer and praise as you go through suffering and trials.
- d) What are some of your favourite worship songs that help in the trial? What do those songs say about the Lord that helps you?

#### Question #4

- a) **Rd v. 25:** What impact did the missionaries' response have on the other prisoners? Why would the prisoners listen to them?
- d) Why is our suffering such a powerful platform for our witness for the gospel?
- b) Think of a recent trial/suffering that you had or are going through. How did you respond in that?
- c) Based on your response, what did it reveal your faith/hope was truly anchored in?
- d) Spend time repenting of your unbelief in that trial/circumstance, and ask the Lord for faith to trust in Him through prayer and praise in it next time.

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**Point 2: \_\_\_\_\_: He's using it! (vv. 26-40)**

*Question: Jesus will use it all to advance His kingdom. Will you trust His story is bigger?*

*Sermon Notes...*

God's bigger story...

i) \_\_\_\_\_ the Church (vv. 27-34)

ii) \_\_\_\_\_ the Church (vv. 35-39)

iii) \_\_\_\_\_ the Church (v.40)

### **Question #6**

- a) **Rd. vv. 26-40:** Discuss how God used this situation to accomplish each part of His story.
- b) Discuss how Jesus perfectly fulfilled each of the parts above in His life and ministry.
- c) How should knowing God has a bigger story, and that Jesus is over us and with us, encourage & strengthen our faith in our witness?

### **Prayer Application**

Spend time as a group or in accountability praying out of **Acts 16:19-40...**

- a) ADORATION: Lord Jesus, You are Sovereign over \_\_\_\_\_
- b) CONFESSION: Lord Jesus, I repent of my unbelief in \_\_\_\_\_
- c) THANKSGIVING: Lord Jesus, I thank you for \_\_\_\_\_
- d) SUPPLICATION: Lord Jesus, I pray for faith to trust in Your power in/when \_\_\_\_\_

*Memory Verse:*

*"For nothing will be impossible with God."-Luke 1:37*