

## The transformative power of resurrection

1. Phil 3:7-11. Why did Paul want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection? What has Jesus and his resurrection changed Paul's pursuit of life?
2. Acts 16:22-25. Paul and Silas were unjustly put in the jail and locked with foot stocks, what would you do if you were in their situation? How could they be praying and singing? What power did they have to overcome fear and despair?
3. Acts 16:26-28. Why would the jailer want to kill himself? Judging by how Paul and Silas were treated by the jailer, what would the jailer think they would treat him back? What power did Paul and Silas have to love the jailer who hurt them?
4. Acts 16:29-30. Why would the jailer know Paul and Silas know the way to be saved? Pray for the power of resurrection compels you to witness God's power and love.

Phil 3:7 But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. 8 What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. 10 I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, 11 and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

Acts 16:22 The crowd joined in the attack against Paul and Silas, and the magistrates ordered them to be stripped and beaten with rods. 23 After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully. 24 When he received these orders, he put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. 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?"

== sermon notes ==

(slide 1) The transformative power of resurrection

1. The miracle and the connection of our resurrection

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- Our lives are transformed by the hope of the resurrection
- The transformation will make us sing in the middle of suffering
- The transformation will make us love those who hurt us
- The transformation compels us to witness the gospel to the world

(slide 3) The power of resurrection is a life-giving power

Phil 3:10 I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, 11 and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

1. Since when you really want to?
2. Resurrection gives us life- passion to live
  - a. God is good
  - b. our life matters
  - c. victory is won
  - d. death is not the end

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1. Not only it gives new life, but it changes life
  - a. Life's pursuit
  - b. The pursuit of God
2. Compared to resurrection, what is else to gain?
  - a. The pearl in the field

(slide 5) The new life in us has the power to die so as to live 2 Cor 4:7 But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. 8 We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; 9 persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. 10 We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body.

1. Die to old self
2. Die to despair and fear
3. Live in hope

(slide 6) The transformation will make us sing in the middle of suffering

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1. Story
  - a. She earned a great deal of money for her owners by fortune-telling.
  - b. “In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to come out of her!”

- c. 19 When her owners realized that their hope of making money was gone, they dragged them into the marketplace to face the authorities.
  - d. 22 The crowd joined in the attack against Paul and Silas, and the magistrates ordered them to be stripped and beaten with rods.
  - e. V23-25
2. What would you do in that situation?
    - a. What would the world do?
  3. Paul and Silas die to death

(slide 7) The transformation will make us love those who hurt us

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1. Our old self wanted to revenge
  - a. at least ignore and walk away
2. Paul and Silas die to hatred, revenge
  - a. Live to forgiveness, love, care for the well beings of others
3. The power of resurrection
4. My friend’s story
  - a. Christians comfort people when they themselves are suffering

(slide 8) The transformation compels us to witness the gospel to the world

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1. If you know the power, people know
2. Apostles almost all died of martyrdom
3. We can die to ourselves and people would know
  - a. They will envy our lives
  - b. My own testimony