

Grace for a Prison Guard (#37)

Acts 16:25-40
May 10, 2009

A Powerful Witness

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- The Prison Guard's Reaction

Peter's Guards

¹⁸Now when day came, there was no small disturbance among the soldiers *as to* what could have become of Peter. ¹⁹When Herod had searched for him and had not found him, he examined the guards and ordered that they be led away *to execution.*" (Acts 12:18-19a)

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Lessons on Witness

1. Paul had compassion on the jailer
2. They had been clearly sharing the Gospel
3. They had a deep personal relationship with God
4. God was powerfully at work in their lives

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Cornelius

"¹³And he reported to us how he had seen the angel standing in his house, and saying, 'Send to Joppa and have Simon, who is also called Peter, brought here; ¹⁴and he will speak words to you by which you will be saved, **you and all your household.**'" (Acts 11:13-14)

Lydia

"¹⁴A woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple fabrics, a worshiper of God, was listening; and the Lord opened her heart to respond to the things spoken by Paul. ¹⁵And when she **and her household** had been baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us." (Acts 16:14-15)

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An Apology Demanded

- They refused release
- Asserting our rights

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