

WELCOME!

Friday Men's Breakfast

March 19, 2021

Main Series Takeaways

1 Corinthians 11:1

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Philippians 1:21

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Big Idea:

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The Life of the Apostle Paul

#7 – “2nd Missionary Journey – Philippi ”

Acts 16:16–34

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influences the way we live.**

Read Acts 16:16-34

Philippi — Acts 16



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What does this mean for us?

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The Gospel is for everyone

He was physically harmed and thrown in jail ->

The Gospel will require sacrifice

He was martyred ->

We don't deserve good things

The Gospel Is For Everyone

Person	Ethnicity	Spiritually	Economics	Responded to ...
Lydia	Asian	Seeking	Wealthy	Preached Word
Slave Girl	Greek	In Bondage	Enslaved	Power Encounter
Jailer	Roman	Indifferent	Blue Collar	Paul and Silas' Lives

The Gospel Requires Sacrifice

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We Don't Deserve "Good"

Mark 15

³ And the chief priests accused him of many things.

⁴ And Pilate again asked him, "Have you no answer to make? See how many charges they bring against you."

⁵ But Jesus made no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed.

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God Has a Church for His Mission

“It is not so much the case that God has a mission for his church in the world, as that God has a church for his mission in the world. Mission was not made for the church; the church was made for mission – God’s mission.”

- Christopher J.H. Wright

God has PEOPLE for His Mission

“Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can.”

- John Wesley

God's Mission

1 John 1:1-4

¹ That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— ² the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— ³ that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴ And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

God's Mission

The God of creation and eternity's mission is to be in fellowship with His children forever.

God's Mission: Our Opinion of Sin

1. Sin is what separates from fellowship with God.
2. Paul has a proactive approach to ALL sin.
Sin “annoyed” or “deeply disturbed” him.

A deep disturbance of sin leads to a radical appreciation of grace.

God's Mission: Our Opinion on Profit

1. Worldly profit is not always kingdom profit.
2. Worldly Profit: making money off a possessed girl
3. Kingdom Profit: Jesus and Paul remaining silent at their trial to profit the mission of God.

God's Mission: Our Opinion on Circumstance

1. We need to think of ourselves as CREATED for God's mission.
2. With faith like Paul and Silas, we can see our circumstances as opportunities.

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Discussion Questions

1. Which aspects of Paul's life is the hardest for you to imitate?
2. How do we fit into God's mission?
3. What area of life (sin, profit, or circumstance) is the hardest for you to align to God's mission?
 - How might you adjust that this week?