

Faith in the Midst of Life's Storms

Acts 16:22-30

Paul and Silas had been imprisoned for a kind deed done to a woman which also reduced the profit margin for some evil men. These 3 verses describe what had happened to them. What do you suppose was their physical condition that night?

What was their spiritual condition? What verses in the Bible further describe a heart of faith in the midst of one of life's storms?

What are choices for how to respond to such difficult circumstances?

Scholars believe the reason the jailer was considering suicide was that he'd be put to death if prisoners under his charge escaped. Rather than running for freedom, what did Paul do? What does this tell you about the motives of his heart?

The Holy Spirit had communicated the truth of the Gospel and the reality of Paul and Silas' relationships with the living God through their songs, their attitudes and their faith during the hard times. This resulted in a whole household, whom we can meet in heaven, coming to Christ.

What hardships or trials are presently in your life? What are your choices for how to view them? Choose to follow in the steps of these men of faith! Take time now to offer your prayers of praise to God. How can you live out motives of honoring God, trusting God and loving people in the midst of this?
