

SERMON NOTES

Series: Joy No Matter What

Title: Against All Odds

Text: Ph. 1:8; Acts 16:13-40

**Topic: Paul's Affection for
the Philippians**

Teacher: Pastor Barry

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THE JAILER: is a _____ worker, probably an ex-GI. He's not interested in _____ discourse. He wants nothing to do with any _____, charismatic hoopla involving miracles and the super-natural. He's _____. He's not _____, but he's not poor. So how does God go after this guy?

In the Roman Empire during this period of time if a prisoner was lost or escaped, whoever was responsible for that prisoner was _____.

God goes after him by showing him, there is a higher _____, a duty that transcends duty to country/family/employer. God gives him an _____ through Paul and Silas of Christian duty.

An earthquake makes it possible for Paul and the other prisoners to _____, but Paul and the others _____ and that opens up an opportunity for Paul and Silas to witness for Jesus.

The members of the First Baptist Church of Philippi: A crazy rich, intellectual, CEO; a former demon-possessed slave girl, and a blue collar, middle-class, duty bound, ex-marine. Paul was _____ when it all started.

No wonder Paul is so confident in the gospel, so convinced of the power of the Holy Spirit, so excited about the difference a relationship with Jesus makes in a person's life, he's _____ it. He's _____ it.

This one little church in Philippi defied _____, defied _____ boundaries, defied _____ and most importantly defied _____.

The Gospel created a _____, new community that could have never existed except for the _____ getting a hold of people's lives.

That should embolden us to _____!

Who have you written off as beyond the reach of God's love? In Philippi we see that absolutely no one is beyond the reach of God's love and His power to _____.