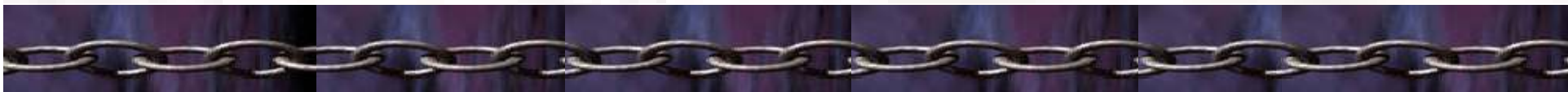


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2 Timothy 1:8-12



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- Lesson Background

- Travels to Jerusalem at the end of his 3rd journey
- Mobbed by Jews claiming he desecrated the temple by allowing Gentiles to enter, **Acts 21:27-30**
- Rescued by Roman soldiers, **Acts 21:31-33**
- Told by the Lord He must go to Rome, **Acts 23:11**
- Imprisoned 2 yrs. in Caesarea, By Felix, Roman governor, **Acts 24:24-27**
- Festus succeeds Felix, transfers trial to Jerusalem
- Paul appeals to Caesar in Rome, **Acts 25:9-11**
- Imprisoned in Rome, 59-61 A.D. & 61-63 A.D.



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- Paul imprisoned, robbed of freedom, yet...
 - He furthers the cause of Christ
 - He advances borders of the kingdom
 - He completes his mission to serve God
 - **Acts 1:8**, *“ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.”*
 - **Acts. 23:11**, The Lord said, *“Be of good cheer, Paul: for as thou hast testified of me in Jerusalem, so must thou bear witness also at Rome.”*



Prison Never Robbed Paul of...

- HIS PEN (Inspired by God)
 - **Ephesians 4:1**, *“I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”*
 - **Philemon 1**, *“Paul, a prisoner of Jesus Christ, ...unto Philemon our dearly beloved, and fellow labourer”*

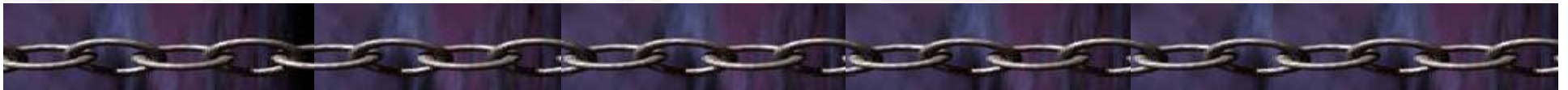


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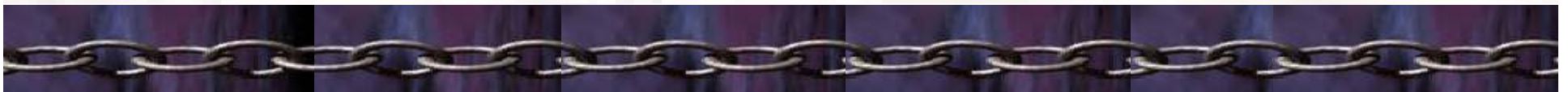
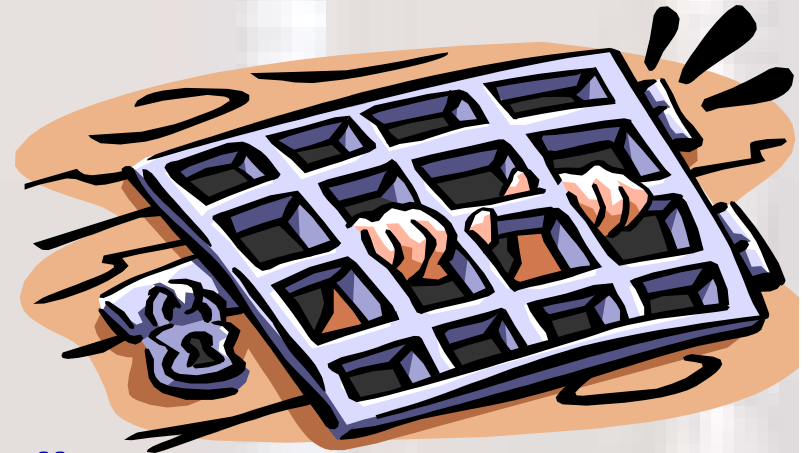


- **Colossians 1:24**, *“I Paul am made a minister; Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body’s sake, which is the church”*
- **Philippians 1:12-14**, *“I would ye should understand, brethren, that the things which happened unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel; So that my bonds in Christ are manifest in all the palace, and in all other places; And many of the brethren in the Lord, waxing confident by my bonds, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.”*



Prison Never Robbed Paul of...

- **HIS PURPOSE** (To Teach the Gospel)
 - **Acts 9:15**, The Lord said, *“he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel: For I will show him how great things he must suffer for my name’s sake”*
 - **Ephesians 6:20**, *“I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.”*



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- **HIS PRAYERS** (For others)

- **Ephesians 1:16-19**, *“Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers; That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power”*

- **Ephesians 3:14-21; Philippians 1:3-11; Colossians 1:9-12, Romans 10:1-2, 2 Thessalonians, 2:17, etc.**



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- **HIS PRAISE** (To God)

- **Acts 16:25**, *“at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God; and the prisoners heard them.”*



- After having cloths torn off, **vs. 22**
 - After being beaten, **vs. 22**
 - After being beaten with many stripes, **vs. 23**
 - After being thrown into the inner prison, **vs. 24**
 - After being placed in fast in stocks, **vs. 24**

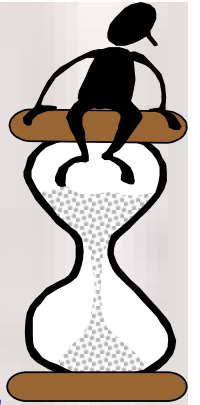
Yet they, *“sang praises unto God”*



Prison Never Robbed Paul of...

- HIS PATIENCE (In God's Will)

– **Philippians 1:21-26**, *“For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. But if I live in the flesh, this is the fruit of my labour: yet what I shall choose I want not. For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better: Nevertheless to abide in the flesh is more needful for you. And having this confidence, I KNOW that I shall abide and continue with you all for your furtherance and joy of faith; That your rejoicing may be more abundant in Jesus Christ for me by my coming to you again.”*



Prison Never Robbed Paul of...

- **HIS PEACE** (In Jesus Christ)

- **Philippians 4:11**, *“Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content. I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.”*

- **2 Timothy 3:14**, *“continue thou in the things which thou has learned”*



Prison Never Robbed Paul of...

- **HIS PULPIT** (To preach the Gospel)
 - **Acts 14:1, 17:1, etc.,** Jewish Synagogue
 - **Acts 16:14-15,** Riverbank w/Lydia
 - **Acts 16:25,** Prison in Philippi
 - **Acts 17:22-31,** Mars Hill in Athens
 - **Acts 20:8,** House chambers in Troas
 - **Acts 26:1-29,** Palaces, before Kings, like Agrippa
 - **Acts 28:23-29,** Sanhedrin, before the chief Jews
 - **Acts 27:21-25,** Ship to prison in Rome
 - **Prison Epistles:** Prison in Rome



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- His Peace (In Jesus Christ)
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