



**Series:** Topical  
**Passage Acts 16:25-34**  
**Title:** Rise to New Life  
**Speaker:** Pastor JC Cooper – 4/18/2021

**Discussion Starter** – Describe in your own words what God has shown you from this sermon?

**God's Power Revealed (Acts 16:25-34)**

- Read Acts 16:16-24. Describe what you observe is happening to these two followers of Jesus?
- Why do you think Paul and Silas began praying and singing hymns at midnight? What did this action signify their walk with the LORD?
- In Acts 16:26 it speaks of a great earthquake that shook the foundations of the prison so that the doors and everyone's chains were opened? In what way does this symbolize the gospel message? Read Matthew 27:52-54. How does this verse relate to what has happened in this story?
- What dilemma was the jailer faced with now? What did Paul say to the jailer that convinced him not to fall on his sword? How is this connected to the gospel message of Christ? Why didn't Paul and Silas leave?
- What do you think was going on in the jailer's mind that caused him to ask them the question of what he must do to be saved?
- Do you think Paul's answer to the jailer of "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved is too simple of a statement to be true? Why or why not? Read Roman's 10:11-15. What core truth is revealed in this passage?
- What is the next thing we see Paul doing and why is this so important for us to learn from his example?
- What is so significant about the jailers actions here in Acts 16:33? Describe what you see is happening in his life and why do you think he and his family were immediately baptized?
- What are your thoughts on being baptized immediately after proclaiming faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?
- What are some of the things baptism does not do for us and why?
- How is baptism connected to freeing us from the bondage of sin? Describe in your own words what it means to be freed from the bondage of sin?
- What other things does baptism do for us?
- Why should we be baptized if our salvation does not depend on it?
- What are some of the key indicators in a believer's life that indicate it's time to get baptized?