

Dear Chosen One: It is time for a divine shift in the atmosphere. Anything that was not built on the Rock will crumble. That ROCK is Jesus! If you have your Bibles let us read the Book of Acts, Chapter 16:22-34.

Paul and Silas were put in prison for no other reason than for preaching the Gospel. If you are a true Believer and you are preaching the Gospel, then you need to prepare yourself for any kind of attack from the enemy. At any time, someone can accuse you, have you arrested and put in prison for doing God's will. Most people who are called by God to preach the Gospel will deny that calling if they believe that by preaching the Gospel it will interrupt their comfortable lifestyle, land them in prison and leave them with a convicted felon record.

The truth of the matter is anyone who wants to follow Jesus must be willing and prepared to carry the Cross. Jesus says, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me." (Matthew 16:24.) From a human's viewpoint and from a limited understanding of the Cross, a person can assume that the Cross portrays the following: suffering, Shame, pain, death. condemnation, embarrassment, imprisonment, rejection, lies persecution, false accusations, etc... These were some of the things that Jesus went through before and while He carried the Cross. When a person starts to carry their cross, he or she will start to tread on unfamiliar places.

The truth is, the Cross represents redemption, forgiveness, love, hope, peace, joy, fulfillment,

commitment, power, sanctification, righteousness, eternal life, and many other things. We must be able to see the two beams of the Cross and rightly embrace its fullness.

Paul and Silas were convicted for doing something that Jesus had mandated them to do. Jesus said, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned." (Mark 16:15-16.) These men were not doing anything wrong; they had not committed any crime; they were good citizens who were exercising their religious rights.

For example, I often hear some people saying, "as soon as I started going to church, this happened to me or that happened, or as soon as I started praying all kinds of problems occurred." What really happened was a shift took place in this person's life when the devil turned up the heat in the natural realm. Romans 8:28 says, "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the <u>called</u> according to His purpose."

Acts 16:23 says, after they had been severely flogged, Paul and Silas were thrown into prison, and the jailer was [instructed] to guard them carefully. Both Paul and Silas were stripped and beaten before they were thrown in prison. Many Christians complain and compare the minute problems in their life to being persecuted. Have you ever been stripped naked and beaten? Or have you ever been thrown in prison for a crime you did not commit? If you have

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encountered any of these experiences, I am sure it was not for preaching the Gospel.

I spent twenty-five years of my life in a maximum facility for a crime that I had committed. I had my hands and feet shackled with chains on many occasions. At one point, I was confined to a cell for spreading the Gospel and sharing gospel tracks. Then another time, I was falsely accused of using drugs something that I have *never* done. The devil used his agents to turn up the heat in hopes that I would quit preaching the Gospel and turn back to my old way of living. However, I did not! Again all things work together for good. These were tests, but I overcame by the Blood of the Lamb and at the end, I was able to testify about the goodness of Jesus.

People of God, I am here to let you know it does not matter what kind of device man creates or what kind of technology the government builds to isolate God's children. God will still find you and deliver you. They could put you down in a vault at the bottom of the sea and God will still reach you. They could fasten you to a rocket and shoot you into space; God is still going to find you.

King David says, "Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hands will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast. If I say, 'surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me,' even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you." (Psalm 139:7-12.)

Romans 8:35 says, "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or swords?" Whenever God's people are faced with various trials or oppositions and things start to look hopeless, it is because the devil launches an evil spirit to attack their faith. This is one of the tactics he uses to defeat us and detour us from reaching our divine potential.

Don't sit and have a pity party when you encounter trials or persecutions. Don't call your unsaved friends or family for help, don't go on Facebook and tell the world what you are going through and don't quit praying. If you are a member of a church that has a prayer group, call up the elders and ask them to pray with or for you, then get radical and start praising God for the victory.

I don't want you to be deceived; you don't have to be in a prison cell to be in prison. Some people are in prison in their homes, on their jobs, and sadly in their minds. Today, you can draw strength from the Holy Spirit; start praying and worshipping your way out. Some people are comfortable being prisoners at home because they are familiar with their surroundings and they have access to use and enjoy the "things," they like, but in reality, they are still bound. People who are prisoners at home can carry on long meaningless conversations on the phone with like-minded people. They can spend hours on the internet surfing and engaging in improper activities.

They entertain themselves drinking alcohol and using drugs. They invite their friends over to their home to have drug parties, tattoo parties, sex parties and indulge in some of the same ungodly behaviors that some prisoners do in their prison cell. They use their bodies, which are temples of God, for ungodliness. I am shaking the foundation, so don't get upset, repent and be liberated before it is too late.

I present to you the same question that the prison guard asked Paul and Silas, after the foundation crumbled, "**What must I do to be saved**." Let me give you the answer: "**Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household**." I was sent to shake your foundation and offer you Salvation before it is too late. Stand up, stomp three times and let everything that is not of God in your life crumble. Let us praise God for His blueprint, so your life can be reconstructed. Praise God!