



# God Will Surely Come Through For You!

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"And when it was day, the magistrates sent the serjeants, saying, Let those men go. 36 And the keeper of the prison told this saying to Paul, The magistrates have sent to let you go: now therefore depart, and go in peace. 37 But Paul said unto them, They have beaten us openly uncondemned, being Romans, and have cast us into prison; and now do they thrust us out privily? nay verily; but let them come themselves and fetch us out. 38 And the serjeants told these words unto the magistrates: and they feared, when they heard that they were Romans. 39 And they came and besought them, and brought them out, and desired them to depart out of the city. 40 And they went out of the prison, and entered into the house of Lydia: and when they had seen the brethren, they comforted them, and departed" (Acts 16:35-40).

It is comforting to know that no trouble lasts for ever. As night gives way to day, and storms to calmness, every adverse situation will eventually give way to beneficial and favourable ones. This is why it is important to endure till the end and heed the admonition of the scripture - "For his anger endureth but a moment; in his favour is life: **weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning**" (Psalm 30:5). In the case of these apostles, they were not weeping in the night of their problems but praying and praising God, till the miracle took place. In this text we learn that:

- 1) News of the developments during the night got to the magistrates, who responded "**Let those men go**" (vs 35). They were probably astonished and at their wits end at such divine intervention, that they felt if God had set them free in such an outstanding manner, who were they to keep them bound, especially as the prison where they were kept had been destroyed by the earthquake.
- 2) **God will always come through for you.** So, patiently hold firm in faith. No incarceration will ever be permanent in your life. Your season for breakthrough is at hand.
- 3) On the decision of the magistrates being relayed, the apostles could have privily sneaked away, before further trouble occur. No, they

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did not do so, but rather decided to capitalise on the situation for the advancement of the Gospel. So, they exposed the misdeeds of the magistrates in openly beating uncondemned Roman citizens - something that was against the law (vs 36-37).

- 4) Paul was not trying to shame the magistrates for breaking the law, but wanted their release to be public, so they could have the boldness and liberty to preach the gospel.
- 5) Their strategy worked in that the magistrates feared, came, besought them, "**and desired them to depart out of the city**" (vs 38-39). So their release was not by force but by plea. Desiring them to depart implied that the magistrates knew they had no power to thrust them out nor ban them.
- 6) A release in that manner meant they were not in a hurry to "run away" but rather had the confidence and boldness to enter "**into the house of Lydia: and when they had seen the brethren, they comforted them**" (vs 40) before departing out of the city. This would have greatly strengthened the brethren and established their faith in Christ. It also would have given them the opportunity of hearing first hand from "horse's mouth" the miraculous deliverance from prison, and others in their city (i.e. the jailors) who have been born again, thus paving way for fellowship.

"... He that believeth shall not make haste" (Isaiah 28:16). Always remember the words of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, that "... ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. 36 If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed" (John 8:32,36). "**Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward**" (Hebrews 10:35).