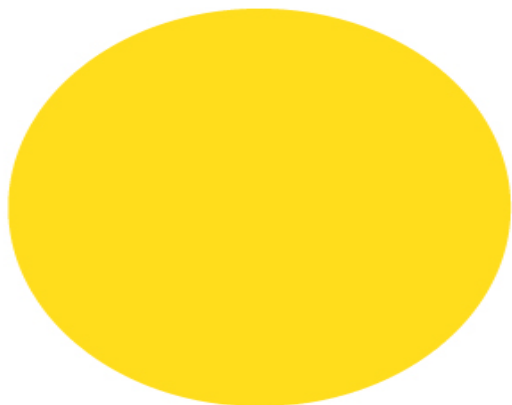


LIGHT FOR THE WORLD



Sunday December 3rd, 2017



Power From a Prison Cell
“Paul and Silas and The Power of the Gospel”

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Doers of the Christmas Spirit

“Choosing to be God’s Ambassadors”



During the season of celebration of our Savior’s birth, you will be presented with opportunities to interact with friends and loved-ones in a way that expresses His love. Here are three things that you can choose to do that will go a long way to making your gatherings more enjoyable and more productive:

- **CHOOSE NOT TO BE OFFENDED: Ecclesiastes 7:21-22** *Do not take to heart all the things that people say, lest you hear your servant cursing you. **Sometimes the best thing to do is to... Let it go.***
- **CHOOSE FORGIVENESS: ... Colossians 3:13** *“Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.” **Choose forgiveness and find freedom for you and for them.***
- **CHOOSE RECONCILIATION: 2Corinthians 5:16-21** *Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation... **Re-join and rejoice.***

The Season of Giving is representative of the greatest gift ever given. The amazing reality of the Son of God sparing no expense for you and for me. Let this be the season that you reflect His amazing grace towards you by extending grace to others. Shrug-off offence. Don’t forget to forgive. Reconcile instead of reject. Choose to be God’s Christmas ambassador.

Blessings, Pastor Gene

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Introduction: There is great power when believers respond to adversity with confidence in God and this is only possible when we walk by faith and not by sight. Paul and Silas were living the call of God and walking by His Spirit’s leading, yet they found themselves beaten and in chains. These two faith-warriors submitted themselves to and accepted the providence of God no matter the cost. Through their struggle we see the power of God displayed:

- **THE POWER OF HEARING Acts 16:15** *But Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God and the prisoners were listening to them. When the people of faith show confidence in the midst of adversity, the witnesses are inspired to look towards God. No power? Praise the Lord. **Praise Him that others may HEAR.***
- **THE POWER OF BELIEVING Acts 16:31** *So they said “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household.” Paul and Silas responded to a cry of a condemned man with the gospel of the Savior. At the end of your rope? Believe God. **Speak the Gospel that others may BELIEVE.***
- **THE POWER OF SALVATION Acts 16:33** *And immediately he and all his family were baptized.” True salvation is accompanied with an urgency to submit to the washing away of the old and the raising up in the new. Has God changed you? Proclaim it to the world. **Let your light shine that others may see and be SAVED.***
- **THE POWER OF FREEDOM Acts 16:36** *“Now therefore depart and go in peace.” In the end, the oppressors of the people of God cannot have victory over them. Feeling imprisoned? Step into freedom. **God has opened doors for you. Step through to FREEDOM.***

Paul and Silas had fallen into enemy hands but they were walking by faith and not by sight and in the middle of adversity they were able to see that... The earthquake did not open the cell doors; God did. The open cell doors did not set the captives free; God did. The escaped prisoners did not bring the jailer to his knees; God did. Paul and Silas did not save the jailer’s household; God did. When your world is shaking; stand on the Gospel that brought you to God and walk the Power that set you free in Christ..

Stand on the Gospel of Jesus, your Rock and your Fortress.