

Dear Friends in Christ.

Praise the name of Jesus Who has come to seek and to save that which was lost.

As we look at the condition of the world with all the hating, killing, riots, lawlessness, and anarchy, we wonder why God doesn't send down fire and destroy all evil. The answer is simple. God has a better plan. It is called SALVATION.

Luke 9:53-56 "But they did not receive Him, because His face was set for the journey to Jerusalem. And when His disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, do You want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them, just as Elijah did?" But He turned and rebuked them, and said, "You do not know what manner of spirit you are of. "For the Son of Man did not come to destroy men's lives but to save them."

We are in an evil world that is full of darkness and God has made us to be the light of the world. The greater the darkness the more radiant the light shines.

A great example of this is found in Acts the 16th Chapter. There are many parts to this and they are all important. Please read the whole chapter because I don't have room for it here. Lets look at each part to see how we can best be used by God in bringing salvation to this lost and dying world.

- 1. Revelation: Verse 9. God is the one seeking the lost and will lead us to them.
- 2. Obedience: Verse 10. Immediately sought to go.
- 3. Prayer: Verse 13. Prayer is how we line up with the purposes of God.
- 4. Great victory over evil: Verse 18. We are to defeat evil and set people free.
- 5. Pressure: Verses 22-24. Ours is to be powerful when we are under pressure.
- 6. Praise under pressure. Verse 25. When we know God's will we can then praise Him under pressure.
- 7. God switches the pressure. Verse 26. Now the pressure is on the jailer and officials.
- 8. Souls are saved: Verses 30-34 What must I do to be saved?

Acts 1:8 "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

The greek word for power is this verse is dunamis and that is where we get our word Dynamite. Dynamite does it's best work when it is under pressure. Praise under pressure allows God to release His great saving power to those whom He is seeking to save.

Because of all the events taking place on the earth there is going to be a great shaking and if we are willing and obedient we can be a part of the great harvest of souls.

God knows how to shake down a jail without anyone in the jail getting hurt or killed. After describing all the evil that will be taking place in the end times Jude gives the wisdom we need to be most effective when it seems everything is going wrong.

Jude 1:20-22 "But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. And on some have compassion, making a distinction;"

May you be fearless in your faith and walk in God's love.