

We Believe!



Four Defining Truths of the Assemblies of God



Healing's Plan

Acts 16



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14 A woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple fabrics, a worshiper of God, was listening; and the Lord opened her heart to respond to the things spoken by Paul. **15** And when she and her household had been baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us. **16** It happened that as we were going to the place of prayer, a slave-girl having a spirit of divination met us, who was bringing her masters much profit by fortune-telling. **17** Following after Paul and us, she kept crying out, saying, "These men are bond-servants of the Most High God, who are proclaiming to you the way of salvation." **18** She continued doing this for many days. But Paul was greatly annoyed, and turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her!" And it came out at that very moment.

A Time for God

- Following God is an ADVENTURE!
- He call us to FOLLOW HIM... not methods or maps...
- Following Him will lead us to interesting and difficult situations
- But, always, there is a greater plan and purpose in His Path!

Second Missionary Journey

- Paul is on His own in the Spirit...
- Leads them and forbids them
- Paul comes to Philippi
- Healing #1 - Lydia
 - Healed from her sin and set free
- Healing #2 - Demon Possessed prophet
 - pneuma pythona... profit god!!!

Paul and Timothy in need!

- Lies prejudice and mob mentality!
- City is engulfed in “being Romans” (21)
- Public humiliation for healing a girl!
- many blows, inner prison, restricted
- If we were in this situation?
- I know it would be hard to see God...
- Paul and Silas need a healing!!!

Power of Praise

- Listen... prayer and singing!
- this is Spirit inspired...
- Prisoners are listening...
- so is the CREATION - earthquake...
- chains released...
- and in all this... a jailer...
- He is ready to KILL HIMSELF!

“we are all here”

- Paul recognized a plan!!!
 - not running, but waiting!
 - Jailer is won by his being there!!!
- Could this be what it was all about???
- What must I do?
- rejoiced greatly!!!
- entire household

CONSEQUENCES:

- Following God:
 - A place of trust
 - A requirement of faithfulness!
 - An expectation of the unexpected!
 - **BUT**, an awareness of **HIS LOVE!**