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Bible Study

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Normal Outcomes of Obeying God
Acts 16:6-12

Acts 20:22 reads, *“I don’t know what will happen to me in Jerusalem, but I must obey God’s Spirit and go there.”* (CEV) This verse records what one individual was committed to doing as it related to his ministry assignment. All believers should desire to develop a strong passion for complying with the will of the Lord regardless of how it may impact them. Doing so can be both rewarding and trying at different points in life. This lesson is designed to share normal outcomes of obeying God.

Breakdown of Acts Chapter 16

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| 1. | The <u> Movement </u> | by Paul | Verses 1-15 |
| 2. | The <u> Treatment </u> | of Paul | Verses 16-34 |
| 3. | The <u> Announcement </u> | from/to Paul | Verses 35-40 |

1. **Invitations** for you is a normal outcome of obeying God.

Verses 14, 15

“One of them was Lydia from Thyatira, a merchant of expensive purple cloth, who worshiped God. As she listened to us, the Lord opened her heart, and she accepted what Paul was saying. 15) She and her household were baptized, and she asked us to be her guests. “If you agree that I am a true believer in the Lord,” she said, “come and stay at my home.” And she urged us until we agreed.” (NLT)

2. **Tribulations** for you is a normal outcome of obeying God.

Verses 22, 23

“A mob quickly formed against Paul and Silas, and the city officials ordered them stripped and beaten with wooden rods. 23) They were severely beaten, and then they were thrown into prison. The jailer was ordered to make sure they didn’t escape.” (NLT)

3. **Liberation** for you is a normal outcome of obeying God.

Verses 25, 26, 29, 30

“Around midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening. 26) Suddenly, there was a massive earthquake, and the prison was shaken to its foundations. All the doors immediately flew open, and the chains of every prisoner fell off! 29) The jailer called for lights and ran to the dungeon and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. 30) Then he brought them out and asked, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” (NLT)

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