

Rise UP!

Acts 16:35-40

Sermon Outline

A. Be Ready (vs. 35-36):

1. When the day came – The Jailer came at the break of day. It seems like he was up most of the night because the earthquake came around midnight and then they went to his home and he cleaned their wombs, they apparently went back to the jail where he met them in the morning.
2. Sent – The policemen came for the purpose of delivering the message to the jailer that Paul and Silas are free. They were given the authority to release them.
3. Saying; tell, speak – The policemen repeatedly told the jailer what to do as if to make sure it gets done immediately.
4. Release; Lets go – The policemen commanded the jailer to once and for all release Paul and Silas from being held captive.
5. Report – The jailer once and for all announced to Paul and Silas that they were free to go in the same manner a declaration is made.
6. Saying; Word – They are free to go because the magistrate has fully organized their release.
7. Sent – The magistrate is on a mission to have them completely removed from jail.
8. Release; Lets go – Paul and Silas were being let go from any charges that were cooked up against them.
9. Come out; Went out – Paul and Silas were told that they can once and for all help themselves out of jail because they were free to go.
10. And go; Their way; go – They were commanded to continuously move a long ways from the jail.
11. Peace – The jailer told them that they no longer have to experience anymore distress or strife.

B. Speak Up (vs. 37-38):

1. Said – Paul spoke firmly with no intent to stop saying what he fully intends to communicate.
2. They have beaten – With an open hand Paul and Silas were violently slap and they were viciously given blows that cause them to have wombs that needed to be treated (vs. 33). This was done in public maybe as a way to humiliate them.
3. Without trail – Paul and Silas were not given a trial, no investigation was

- done but was condemned and viciously slapped and whipped publicly.
4. Without trail – Justice was executed on the streets not the courthouse.
 5. Have thrown – They were violently, forcefully hurled into prison as if they were going to be eliminated.
 6. And now you are sending; thrusting out; Take – They were now trying to expel Paul and Silas by driving them out of the city secretly.
 7. Secret – Paul and Silas were publicly humiliated without a trial and now hidden from the public they are being released from all they have been through with no recognition given that they did not do anything wrong.
 8. Let them come themselves – Paul demands that the magistrate come from his court to the jail where Paul and Silas were.
 9. Bring us out – Paul commanded the magistrate to decisively make his way to the jail from his court and personally lead Paul and Silas of the very place he unlawfully had them violently thrown in.
 10. The policeman report these word – The policeman once and for all announced to the magistrate in the form of a declaration that Paul and Silas were Romans.
 11. The policeman report these word – Like the unjust widow, when the law is on our side we can speak up (Luke 18:1-8).
 12. Afraid – The magistrate instantaneously became terrified.
 13. When he heard – The magistrate clearly understood what the police officer said and knew exactly what it meant.
 14. That they were Romans – Paul and Silas before and after the beating were by law Romans.

C. Remain Focus (vs. 39-40):

1. They came and appealed to them – The magistrates moved quickly to the jail and warmly and earnestly pleaded with Paul and Silas to leave.
2. And when they had brought them out; Taking – The magistrates continuous with no intent of ever trying to stop kept moving Paul and Silas out of jail.
3. Kept begging – The magistrates were intensely pleading to the point of supplication to get them to leave the city.
4. Went out – Paul and Silas left under their own authority with the law on their side.
5. Entered Lydia's house – Paul and Silas moved around freely and went to Lydia's house to probably make sure the church continues productively and to say goodbye.
6. When they saw the brethren – When they went to the house, they were able to completely interact with all who were at the house.
7. Exhortation – Paul provided the members of this church warm words of comfort while also challenging them to be obedient to the scriptures.
8. Departed – Paul on his own authority removed himself from Philippi.

