MESSAGES FROM

# ACTS16

# SERIES

# ACTS 16:23

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### LYDIA WAITED A MINUTE!

God opened her heart while worshiping.

Keep worshiping, because exceedingly abundantly follows a mouth opened full of prayer, thoughts and worship.

### **ACTS 16:14**

One of those listening was a woman from the city of Thyatira named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth.

She was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message.

### WAIT A MINUTE FOR DELIVERENCE

- Prayer will unlock what the enemy locked.
- Strongholds cannot last where prayer and praise rise.
- When worship goes up, freedom comes down.

### ACTS 16:16-18

Once when we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a **female slave** who had a spirit by which she predicted the future. She earned a great deal of money for her owners by fortune-telling. 18 She kept this up for many days. Finally, Paul became so annoyed that he turned around and said **to the spirit**, "In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to come out of her!" At that moment the spirit left her.

Suffering makes waiting a minute seem longer Doesn't mean God is absent

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### **ROMANS 8:18**

"I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us."

# "DON'T TRADE TOMORROW'S GLORY FOR TODAY'S GROANING."

### 2 CORINTHIANS 4:17

"For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all."

## YOUR PRAISE CAN SHAKE PRISONS WHILE YOU ARE WAITING

### ACTS 16:25-27

25 And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them.

26 And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed.

**ACTS 16:27-28** 

LOOK FOR SOMEONE TO TELL
WAIT A MINUTE
DON'T DO IT
I'M HERE

# ACTS 16:27-28

27 The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because

# he thought

the prisoners had escaped.

28 But Paul shouted, "Don't harm yourself! We are all here!"

So many today are like that jailer - ready to make a permanent decision based on a temporary illusion.

Fear, shame, failure, or pressure whispers: "It's over."

But that's not reality.

WAIT A MINUTE - WHAT YOU'RE FEARING MIGHT NOT EVEN BE REAL.
WAIT A MINUTE - DON'T HARM YOURSELF OVER A LIE IN YOUR HEAD.
WAIT A MINUTE - GOD HAS ANOTHER PLAN FOR YOU.