



Sermon  
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Guide

Sunday, May 11, 2025

## ACTS – Changed Lives Finding Freedom

### Read/Reflect

1. Read Acts 16:16-34. What do these parallel stories (of the slave girl and of the jailer) say about being free?
2. Why do you think Paul became annoyed by the slave girl when it seems she was providing “free advertising” for him and his message?
3. If the earthquake that resulted in freedom for the prisoners was a miracle from God, what do you make of Paul and Silas not taking advantage of God’s saving escape, since they remained in jail (see vs.28).

### Explore

4. If we see the tables turned when the slave girl is freed, and the owners are now slaves to their wealth, in what ways might our freedoms and rights turn on us to enslave us?
5. What would you say is “Christian freedom?” Is it different than any other kind of freedom (e.g. civic freedom)? Are there limits to freedom?
6. What would you be singing if your “rights and freedoms” were taken away (vs. 25)?
7. Share a situation in which it might be better, or more faithful, to not take advantage of the freedom you have a right to?

### Pray

- Pray for those who are imprisoned for the faith in Jesus (see [Open Doors Canada](#) reports).
- Confess to God how we have used our Christian freedom to be a selfish excuse to do whatever we wanted.
- Give thanks to God for the wonderful freedoms we do enjoy and pray that we not take it for granted.