



WITNESSES

Witnesses - Week Six

“What Must I Do?”:

Acts 16:16-34

We are living a Resurrection Life when we become unafraid to share the story of how God is saving the world.

Even though it's almost over—IT'S STILL EASTER!

We are seeking to answer a very important questions:

Jesus is Risen—Now what?

That time I took my youth group on the wrong kind of mission trip...

None of us want to be subjected to rejection or be that guy.

So we keep our witness to ourselves. We hide our light...

But there are all kinds of people who are in prison around us who need to be told what true freedom is all about...

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Acts 16:16-34

- A bit of backstory from last week... Paul finds himself in a bit of trouble.
- Paul and Silas are actually accused of sedition—“The Spirit of Python”
- They are subjected to coercitio - used to extract confession, non-Romans
- Then they are thrown in prison and they start to sing.
- Scholars believe they sang some hymns from Psalms
- They whole jail falls apart, and the jailer is about to kill himself.
- “What must I do to be saved?” Their courage led them to a question.

It cost Paul and Silas to be in the right place at the right time—but it enabled them to share a bigger story of freedom to all those in prison.

Are we willing to be uncomfortable to help people find freedom?

What does this look like for us?

- 1. Being willing to put your story out there—vulnerability**
The risk of rejection is worth the reward of openness.
- 2. Being willing to be connected to those in pain—empathy**
People don't care how much you know, until they know you care.
- 3. Being willing to speak the right words of freedom—courage**
You have the greatest news in the history of ever. Share it.

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SERMON EXTRAS & FURTHER READING

FOR FURTHER READING:

Eugene Peterson

Living The Resurrection: The Risen Christ In Everyday Life

Adam Hamilton

Unafraid: Living With Courage and Hope In Uncertain Times

N.T. Wright

Surprised By Hope: Rethinking Heaven, the Resurrection, and the Mission of the Church

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