

Where's Your Chair?

Acts 16 16-24



I have said to the Lord, 'You are my God;
listen, O Lord, to the voice of my supplication.'
Psalm 140:6

Praising:

We love the word of life,
the word that tells of peace,
of comfort in the strife
and joys that never cease.

Reading:

Acts 16:16-24

The fortune-telling slave-girl and
her masters

Pagans sometimes spoke of the
God of Israel or the highest god
of their pantheon as 'the Most
High God'. Presumably Paul is
annoyed because in their task of
proclaiming the gospel in a
Roman colony, the slave-girl's
shouting and scene-making is not
doing the missionaries any
favours. However in calling the
spirit out of her, the wrath of the
locals is sharply incurred. It is
neither a simple lynching nor an
appeal to the legal authorities for

the damage the Christians have
done to their 'property'. Instead
the charge is that Paul and Silas
have broken the law which
forbade Jews from making or
attempting to make converts of
Romans. The crowd are quick to
take sides against them and, after
a flogging is meted out, the
missionaries are imprisoned, their
feet fastened in stocks.

Listening:

Praying:

Lord we bring to you Christians in
lands where witnessing is
dangerous

- where meeting together for
worship and prayer must be in
secret
- where being known as a
Christian brings discrimination,
harassment and threat
- where people speak of Christ
in fear of their lives and those
of their families

Father: it costs so much for some
in the world to be Christians, I
know that. And yet still I take my
faith for granted, still I fail to
stand up for Jesus, still I am slow
to share what I believe. Amen

Doing:

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