

**Wheelersburg Baptist Church 9/20/20**  
**Acts 16:16-24 “Knowing What to Expect When You Follow Jesus”**

**I. Expect great \_\_\_\_\_ (16-18).**

- A. Paul and his team met a slave \_\_\_\_\_ (16).
- B. Paul and his team encountered a potential \_\_\_\_\_ (17).
- C. Paul set the slave girl \_\_\_\_\_ (18).

**II. Expect great \_\_\_\_\_ (19-24).**

- A. Here’s what the slave \_\_\_\_\_ did (19-21).
  - 1. They exposed their self-seeking \_\_\_\_\_ (19a).
  - 2. They attacked God’s \_\_\_\_\_ (19b).
  - 3. They used pretense to cover up their real \_\_\_\_\_ (20-21).
- B. Here’s what Paul and Silas \_\_\_\_\_ (22-24).
  - 1. They were \_\_\_\_\_ (22).
  - 2. They were physically \_\_\_\_\_ (23).
  - 3. They were treated as vicious \_\_\_\_\_ (24).

**Application: If we are serious about front line ministry, we must know this...**

- 1. God is in \_\_\_\_\_ even when it may appear otherwise.
- 2. God’s \_\_\_\_\_ is accomplished God’s way.
- 3. God uses the world’s opposition to advance the church’s \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4. God wants us to view every obstacle as an \_\_\_\_\_ to spread the Word.
- 5. God wants us to remember the \_\_\_\_\_ isn’t over until it’s over.

**Community Group Discussion:**

- 1. Take time as a group to re-read this morning’s passage, Acts 16:16-24. What stands out most to you from this passage?
- 2. Paul and Silas faced a challenging opportunity when they encountered a demon-possessed slave girl in verses 16-18, and they made much of Christ through it. How so?
- 3. Paul and Silas faced another challenging opportunity when they were beaten and thrown in jail in verses 19-24, and once again, they made much of Christ through it. How so?
- 4. The title of today’s message is, “*Knowing What to Expect When You Follow Jesus.*” What happens when a new (or older) Christian’s expectations don’t match reality? What are some indicators that our own expectations might be out of line?
- 5. Discuss these two statements. *God uses the world’s opposition to advance the church’s mission. And...God wants us to view every obstacle as an opportunity to spread the Word.* How should knowing this affect the way we live this week? After discussing, spend time as a group praying for one another in light of this reality.