

CrossWalk **notes**

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Directed to Suffer in Order to Share Jesus

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How do I embrace suffering for sharing Jesus?

¹⁷ She followed Paul and the rest of us, shouting, “These men are servants of the Most High God, who are telling you the way to be saved.”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.

¹⁹ When her owners realized that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace to face the authorities.

Acts 16:17-19, NIV

Evil does not go away without a _____.

²² The crowd joined in the attack against Paul and Silas, and the magistrates ordered them to be stripped and beaten with rods. ²³ After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully. ²⁴ When he received these orders, he put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

Acts 16:22-24, NIV

Suffering is where a relationship is proven _____.

²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. **Acts 16:25, NIV**

Often our most compelling witness is during the _____ times. What is your hymn verse?

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!”

²⁹ The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ He then brought them out and asked, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”

³¹ They replied, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household.” ³² Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house.

Acts 16:27-32, NIV

In hopeless situations, the _____ of Jesus is all that I have and all that I need.

³³ At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his household were baptized. ³⁴ The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God—he and his whole household.

Acts 16:33-34, NIV

Suffering we choose to do for the gospel can also be called joyful _____. Another chance to be like _____.

MEMORY VERSE

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My next step: Jesus brings comfort to me in my darkest hours. I always have hope! Whether in suffering or service, I will share Jesus.

What’s your next step?

Mark it on your connection card.