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Big Idea

God is not done turning breakdowns into breakthroughs!

Acts 16:22-34

- ²² A mob quickly formed against Paul and Silas, and the city officials ordered them stripped and beaten with wooden rods.
- ²³ They were severely beaten, and then they were thrown into prison. The jailer was ordered to make sure they didn't escape.
- ²⁴ So the jailer put them into the inner dungeon and clamped their feet in the stocks.
- ²⁵ Around midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening.
- ²⁶ Suddenly, there was a massive earthquake, and the prison was shaken to its foundations. All the doors immediately flew open, and the chains of every prisoner fell off!
- ²⁷ The jailer woke up to see the prison doors wide open. He assumed the prisoners had escaped, so he drew his sword to kill himself.
- ²⁸ But Paul shouted to him, "Stop! Don't kill yourself! We are all here!"
- ²⁹ The jailer called for lights and ran to the dungeon and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas.
- ³⁰ Then he 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, along with everyone in your household."
- ³² And they shared the word of the Lord with him and with all who lived in his household.
- ³³ Even at that hour of the night, the jailer cared for them and washed their wounds. Then he and everyone in his household were immediately baptized.
- ³⁴ He brought them into his house and set a meal before them, and he and his entire household rejoiced because they all believed in God.
 - Pray (Acts 16:25) First response, not a last resort.
 - Praise (Acts 16:25) If I don't praise Him in the pain, I won't please him in my pleasure!
 - Point (Acts 16:25-34) Point people to Jesus.

Response:

- Do you only see a way out when it might be a way in?
- How is your breakdown an opportunity for a breakthrough?