

# **Making It Through the Midnight**

## **Acts 16:25-34 (NKJV)**

### **I. Midnights are a part of all of our lives.**

“And they brought them to the magistrates, and said, ‘These men, being Jews, exceedingly trouble our city; and they teach customs which are not lawful for us, being Romans, to receive or observe.’ Then the multitude rose up together against them; and the magistrates tore off their clothes and commanded them to be beaten with rods. And when they had laid many stripes on them, they threw them into prison, commanding the jailer to keep them securely. Having received such a charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks.”

(Acts 16:20-24 NKJV)

- You are not the only one having difficult times.

### **II. A faith filled attitude will keep us from thinking negative.**

“But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them.” (Acts 16:25 NKJV)

- Complaining and being bitter is not helpful.

### **III. Expect God to shake things up.**

“Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone’s chains were loosed.” (Acts 16:26 NKJV)

- Who can explain an earthquake that causes doors to open and chains and shackles to fall off, but the building doesn’t collapse?

### **IV. People are observing how things are unfolding so take time to minister.**

“Then he called for a light, ran in, and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. And he brought them out and said, ‘Sirs, what must I do to be saved?’ So they said, ‘Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household.’ Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their stripes. And immediately he and all his family were baptized.” (Acts 16:29-33 NKJV)

- Don’t let distractions cause you to miss opportunities to be a witness for the Lord.