

EXPOSITORY SERMON SERIES ON THE BOOK OF ACTS, #43
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INTRODUCTION:

SneakPreview: Revival does not come without a price. “But he is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose.”

PROPOSITION: The price of revival creates three situations that force us to prove that we “mean business” with God.

I. A SLAVE GIRL CREATES AN OFFENSE FOR THE MISSIONARIES.
Vss. 16, 17.

A. Note the Girl’s Social ***Predicament***. Vs. 16a.

B. Note the Girl’s Satanic ***Possession***. Vs. 16b.

C. Note the Girl’s Serious ***Provocation***. Vs. 17.

LifePoint One: The enemy will mock our efforts to please God as we spread His Word. But when Jesus is really in a situation, He will really get the glory!

II. THE SAVING GOSPEL CREATES AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE MISSIONARIES. Vs. 18.

A. The Evil Spirit was ***Obsessive***.

B. The Evil Spirit was ***Obnoxious***.

C. The Evil Spirit was ***Obedient***.

LifePoint Two: The right use of Jesus’ Name produces powerful results because there is a powerful God behind that Name!

III. A SERIOUS GRUDGE CREATES OPPOSITION FOR THE

MISSIONARIES. Vss. 19-24.

- A. The Opposition **Seized** Paul and Silas. Vs. 19.
- B. The Opposition **Slandered** Paul and Silas. Vss. 20, 21.
- C. The Opposition **Sentenced** Paul and Silas. Vs. 22.
- D. The Opposition **Scourged** Paul and Silas. Vs. 23.
- E. The Opposition **Secured** Paul and Silas. Vs. 24.

LifePoint Three: While worldly people claim they do not believe in the power of the Name of Jesus, they attempt to detain the truth, as if intimidated by it. In reality, any intelligent being knows there is a God.

APPLICATION

PowerPoint: When we suffer for God, we must not be tempted to ask “Why?” but to ask “What?” Our question should be, “God, what do You want me to learn and what to You want me to do?” This approach will bring glory to God and peace to the believer.