

**EXPOSITORY SERMON SERIES ON THE BOOK OF ACTS, #44**  
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**“Another Prison is Alarmed,” 16:25-34**  
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**INTRODUCTION:**

**SneakPreview:** We often have to fall into “dire straits” before we can get things straight. The vital, yet scary, moment of truth experienced by the Philippian Jailer was the best thing that ever happened to him!

**PROPOSITION:** This passage reveals at least four alarming facts that prove that the Church can experience fruitful progress even in the midst of persecution.

**I. THE SINGING OF THE PRISONERS WAS ALARMING. Vs. 25.**

A. Notice the **Timing** of the Prisoners’ Singing. Vs. 25a.

B. Notice the **Testimony** of the Prisoners’ Singing. Vs. 25b.

**LifePoint One:** The world is not impressed with how the church behaves during the easy times. The world is watching to see how we handle the tough times!

**II. THE SHAKING OF THE PRISON WAS ALARMING. Vs. 26.**

A. The Shaking of the Prison had a Supernatural **Reason**. Vs. 26a.

B. The Shaking of the Prison had Supernatural **Results**. Vs. 26b.

**LifePoint Two:** God is not only in the “big” miracles, like earthquakes; He is also in the “smaller” miracles, like the unlocking of doors and the unloosing of chains!

**III. THE SAVING OF THE PRISON-KEEPER WAS ALARMING. Vss. 27, 28.**

A. The Prison-Keeper **Acquired** a Futile Confidence. Vs. 27a.

B. The Prison-Keeper **Assumed** a False Conclusion. Vs. 27b.

C. The Prison-Keeper Attempted a Fatal Cop-Out. Vss. 27c, 28.

**LifePoint** Three: Many people, like the Jailer, feel hopeless. Just like Paul, we must tell them of the One who offers hope and eternal life.

***IV. THE SALVATION OF THE PRISON-KEEPER WAS ALARMING. Vss. 29-34.***

A. Consider the Requisite for Salvation. Vss. 29, 30.

B. Consider the Requirement of Salvation. Vss. 31, 32.

C. Consider the Results of Salvation. Vss. 33, 34.

**LifePoint** Four: Salvation changes a person. No change, no salvation. The key to knowing a tree is the fruit it bears.

***APPLICATION:***

**PowerPoint:** Rather than asking God to deliver us from suffering and persecution, maybe we should ask Him to help us endure it for His glory and the salvation of souls who are watching.