

**Oxford Baptist Church – November 27 – Jay Nugteren**  
**Acts – “Prison Ministry” – Acts 16:16-40**

**Prison Break #1 | 16:16-18**

- A slave girl is set free from the evil spirit that possessed her
- Her owners are upset at Paul and Silas for removing their money-maker

**Prison Break #2 | 16:19-26**

- Paul and Silas are praying and singing in prison
  - Romans 8:18 - "...Sufferings...are not worth comparing with the glory that will be..."
  - Philippians 1:19-24 - "For to me to live is Christ, but to die is gain..."
  - Colossians 3:1-4 - "Set your mind on things that are above..."
  - Matthew 5:11-12 - "Rejoice and be glad..."
- There is a great earthquake
- The prisoners and Paul and Silas are set free from their bonds and cells
- Not one inmate escapes

**Prison Break #3 | 16:35-40**

- "What must I do to be saved?"
- The importance of being able to share the Gospel
- The jailer is set free from his sins through faith in Jesus Christ
- The jailer and his family believe and are baptized

**A Proper Dismissal | 16:35-40**

- The magistrates let Paul and Silas know that they are free to go
- Paul demands that they come and show them out personally
- They encourage the church

**Application**

- Each prison break demonstrates God's power:
  - Prison break #1-God's power over Satan and his demons
  - Prison break #2-God's power over the physical world
  - Prison break #3-God's power over sin and death
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- How do we respond to suffering?
  - Who is listening to us during our suffering?