

WHEN YOU HAVE A GOD (You Have Options)

A DISCOURAGING PLACE

- A. When it seems you have no options
 - 1. Stuck
 - 2. Dead end
 - 3. Lack of options = lack of hope
- B. But things aren't always as they seem
 - 1. For a believer, there is an alternate reality
 - 2. You have a God (***Ephesians 2:12-13 NLT***)

THREE MEN AND TWO DIFFERENT APPROACHES (***Acts 16:22-34 CSB***)

- A. Paul and Silas had a God - and so they had hope
 - 1. Dealing with a difficult situation of pain and uncertainty
 - 2. They were able to move beyond their situation
 - 3. God moved on their behalf - everyone was freed
- B. The jailer had no God and no hope
 - 1. It seemed everyone had escaped
 - 2. He was unable to move beyond his situation (hopeless)
- C. God's mercy intervened for the jailer
 - 1. Paul had a supernatural word by the Holy Spirit
 - 2. The jailer asked to be saved - must have heard something in the praying and singing
 - 3. He rejoiced because he believed in God

BECAUSE YOU HAVE A GOD

- A. Embrace the idea that you can be close to God
 - 1. Paul and Silas lived close to God, so can you (***Mark 9:23 NKJV***)
 - 2. You are not limited unless you believe you are
 - 3. Jesus solved all of that by His work on the cross
- B. Stay connected by prayer and rejoicing
 - 1. Don't disconnect by believing you have no options
 - 2. You have a God who sees and hears (***1 Peter 3:10-12 CSB***)
 - 3. Rejoicing is another way to connect (***Philippians 3:1 CSB***)
 - 4. Life is different because you have a God