

# GLOOM AND DOOM

## ACTS 16:25-34

*How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)*

BACKGROUND: Household salvation will be discussed in next preparation.

**BUT REJOICE**—Like Paul and Silas, it is not about the situation that I am in. It is about Jesus and me in the situation! So rejoice in difficult circumstances, trusting Christ to see you through. (Acts 16:25, 22-24, fn 16:22-25, Philippians 4:4-7, fn 4:4, I Thessalonians 5:16-18, fn 5:16-18) *What would you teach your family about reasons to be joyful in tough times?*

**AND WAIT**— Even in harsh circumstances and midnight hours, God’s plan for our lives is always worth the wait. If our focus is on Jesus, He will give us patience and help us to persevere through life’s trials. (Acts 16:25-28, Psalms 23:4, fn 23:4, Psalms 62:5 [KJV], fn 62:3-6 John 14:27, fn 14:27, Jeremiah 29:11-12, fn 29:13, Romans 8:31-39, fn 8:35-39) *How do you trust Jesus in your trials?*

**AND ANSWER**—Your response to gloom and doom may be God’s answer to someone who has no hope or answers. The most important question for all mankind for all times is “What must I do to be saved?” The only answer is “believe in the Lord Jesus Christ.” (Acts 16:29-34, fn 16:30, 31, John 14:6, fn 14:5, 6, Romans 10:8-13, fn 10:8-12, Acts 4:12, fn 4:12) *If someone asks you “What must I do to be saved?” what would you say?*

The Bible was not written for our information only but for our transformation. *How will these verses change you in your walk with God and others, including your spouse?* (Matthew 5:23,24, I Peter 3:7)

**Pray for one another’s needs.**

**Who in your group needs your encouragement by phone or personal attention?**

