

**What To Do When There's Nothing You Can Do**  
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*23After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully. 24Upon receiving such orders, he put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.*

*25About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. 26Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everybody's chains came loose. 27The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped. 28But Paul shouted, "Don't harm yourself! We are all here!"*

*29The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. 30He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"*

*31They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household." 32Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. 33At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his family were baptized. 34The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God—he and his whole family. **(Acts 16:25-34 NIV)***

**Paul is in prison because of his OBEDIENCE.**

**Silas is in prison because of his LOYALTY.**

**Their PRISON did not shake the foundation of their FAITH; their FAITH shook the foundation of their PRISON.**

**1. Make A DECISION.**

**2. Hold ONTO YOUR FAITH.**

**3. Keep WORSHIPING.**

**The jailer is in prison because of his DUTY.**

**The prisoners are in prison because of their OWN CHOICES.**