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37 But Paul said unto them, They have beaten us openly uncondemned, being Romans, and have cast *us* into prison; and now do they thrust us out privily? nay verily; but let them come themselves and fetch us out.

38 And the serjeants told these words unto the magistrates: and they feared, when they heard that they were Romans.

<u>39</u> And they came and besought them, and brought *them* out, and desired *them* to depart out of the city.

<u>40</u> And they went out of the prison, and entered into *the house of* Lydia: and when they had seen the brethren, they comforted them, and departed.

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i. The Release, 16:35-36

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ii. The Refusal, 16:37-38

What Paul Asserted, 16:37

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Phil. 1:18 What then? notwithstanding, every way, whether in pretence, or in truth, Christ is preached; and I therein do rejoice, yea, and will rejoice.

• What Paul Accomplished, 16:38

Acts 16:38 And the serjeants told these words unto the magistrates: and they feared, when they heard that they were Romans.

Acts 22:24 The chief captain commanded him to be brought into the castle, and bade that he should be examined by scourging; that he might know wherefore they cried so against him. 25 And as they bound him with thongs, Paul said unto the centurion that stood by, Is it lawful for you to scourge a man that is a Roman, and uncondemned? 26 When the centurion heard *that*, he went and told the chief captain, saying, Take heed what thou doest: for this man is a Roman.

iii. The Request, 16:39-40

What the Magistrates Desired, 16:39

Acts 16:39 And they came and besought them, and brought them out, and desired them to depart out of the city.

Original Word: ἐρωτάω **Transliteration:** erótaó **Definition:** (a) I ask (a question), question, (b) I request, make a request to, pray, desire.

erōtáō = Such requesting receives special consideration because of the special relationship involved.

What the Missionaries Decided, 16:40

<u>Acts 16:40</u> And they went out of the prison, and entered into *the house of* Lydia: and when they had seen the brethren, they comforted them, and departed.

Original Word: παρακαλέω Transliteration: parakaleó Definition: (a) I send for, summon, invite, (b) I beseech, entreat, beg, (c) I exhort, admonish, (d) I comfort, encourage, console.

parakaléō (from *pará*, "*from* close-beside" and *kaléō*, "to call") – properly, "make a call" from being "close-up and personal." *parakaléō* ("personally make a call") refers to believers offering up evidence that *stands up in God's court*. <u>http://biblehub.com/greek/3870.htm</u>

2 Cor. 1:3 Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; 4 Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God. 5 For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ. 6 And whether we be afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation, which is effectual in the enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer: or whether we be comforted, it is for your consolation and salvation. 7 And our hope of you is stedfast, knowing, that as ye are partakers of the sufferings, so shall ye be also of the consolation.

<u>2 Cor. 7:6</u> Nevertheless God, that comforteth those that are cast down, comforted us by the coming of Titus; <u>7</u> And not by his coming only, but by the consolation wherewith he was comforted in you, when he told us your earnest desire, your mourning, your fervent mind toward me; so that I rejoiced the more.

<u>2 Cor. 7:13</u> Therefore we were comforted in your comfort: yea, and exceedingly the more joyed we for the joy of Titus, because his spirit was refreshed by you all.

<u>2 Cor. 13:11</u> Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.

Eph. 6:22 Whom I have sent unto you for the same purpose, that ye might know our affairs, and *that* he might comfort your hearts.

Phil. 4:3 I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, 10 But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly, that now at the last your care of me hath flourished again; wherein ye were also careful, but ye lacked opportunity.

<u>11</u> Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, *therewith* to be content.

<u>12</u> I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.

13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

<u>14</u> Notwithstanding ye have well done, that ye did communicate with my affliction.

<u>15</u> Now ye Philippians know also, that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church communicated with me as concerning giving and receiving, but ye only.

<u>16</u> For even in Thessalonica ye sent once and again unto my necessity.

Conclusion

Acts 16:9 And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us. 10 And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavoured to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them... 23 And when they had laid many stripes upon them, they cast them into prison, charging the jailor to keep them safely: 24 Who, having received such a charge, thrust them into

the inner prison, and made their feet fast in the stocks.

Rom. 8:17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

2 Tim. 2:12 If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us:

<u>2 Tim. 3:12</u> Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

<u>1 Pet. 3:17</u> For *it is* better, **if the will of God be so**, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing.

<u>1 Pet. 4:16</u> Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf.

<u>19</u> Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls *to him* in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator.