

## What Price Would You Pay?

Acts 16:22-24; 35-40

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### Review: Team Paul in Philippi

- 1<sup>st</sup> Convert – Lydia
- Slave girl – Delivered!
- Jailer – Delivered!

### 16:22-24 Mob Rule: Arrest and Beating!

- Accused by owners of slave girl (delivered!)
- They were beaten severely and thrown into Maximum Security.

### 16:35-40 Vindication!

- Early Release: “You can now leave.”
- Paul’s sit-in.
  - You beat us publicly without a trial (no due process!)
    - And we are Roman Citizens!
  - You threw us into prison
    - And we are Roman Citizens!
  - Now they want us to leave town in the dark? I don’t think so!
  - You better get the Sheriff.
- Message received –
  - “They were alarmed” – afraid.
  - They came to the prison(!).
  - And escorted them out... but this time, they requested that Paul and Silas leave town. (The tune has changed!)
- Leaving town on their own terms.
  - Instead of leaving right away, Paul and Silas had a special church meeting with the other believers at the house of Lydia.

### Application:

- The role of suffering in the life of the Christian – Songs in the Night
  - Suffering for doing good – See 1 Peter 4:12-19
- What price are you willing to pay to see people come to the Lord?