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# FAITH AT WORK-THRIVE IN YOUR CALLING

## ACTS 16

### Lean In

1. Share about a person who has influence at your workplace. What is admirable about them?

### Look Down

Read Acts 16 in one sitting, without paying attention to “the gaps.”

2. What overall impression did you get from reading this chapter in one sitting? In what ways were you able to connect certain themes/verses to one another?
3. List the instances where God used a negative situation to shine his light. In each instance, list the people that have been affected by the light?
4. Which of the following do you find the most impressive about Lydia and why?
  - a. She was a business woman at a time when few women were
  - b. Her eager heart was immediately receptive to the gospel
  - c. She convinced her household to be baptized
  - d. She was willing to open her home to strangers
  - e. She was key in sharing the gospel in the marketplace
5. Re-tell verses 17-21 from the perspective of the owners of the girl: what do you feel about her? About your money? About the missionaries?
6. How would you have felt if you were falsely accused, beaten and put in stocks in a dark prison cell:
  - a. Like quitting missionary work?
  - b. Like praying and singing hymns?
  - c. Like crying your eyes out and suing for police brutality?
  - d. Like thanking God for the honour of suffering for him?
7. What does the response of Paul and Silas show about them? About God?
8. What do you think caused the jailer to want to be saved? How much did he know about the gospel other than what he observed in Paul’s life?
9. In what ways does the jailer express his new faith in Jesus? How do you think his faith affected his vocation?
10. Where was Paul and Silas’ first destination when they came out of jail (v.40)? Why do you think they went there?

### Look Out

11. Reflecting on your past journey at work: share about a time when a closed door pointed to an opportunity.

### Look In

12. Lydia managed to care for her business, her spiritual life and her household. On a scale of 1-10, how would you rate yourself in each area:
  - a. Work and financial life
  - b. Spiritual life
  - c. Home life
13. What step do you need to take to better integrate your work life and spiritual life?
14. Think about the relational dynamics at your workplace: In what way(s) can God use a negative situation/close door to shine his light?

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15. *“God made me fast. When I run, I feel His pleasure.”* Eric Liddell. Complete the following sentence:

God made me \_\_\_\_\_ and when I \_\_\_\_\_, I feel His pleasure.