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Digging deeper: Philippians 1:1-2 (Rooted in the Gospel)

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- How was Lydia’s belief put immediately into action?
- Name all the *miraculous* things that happened in Philippi.
- Discuss any additional observations in this reading.

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- What type of God-encounters might you have like Paul?
- Share any God-encounters that you have responded to lately.

Observations

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- Talk through the things a slave thinks, says, behaves, etc. (A slave obeys everything the master asks without questioning or arguing. Full submission, considering themselves to have ‘no rights.’)
- Why do you *think* it is significant for them to have this mindset? (We should have such a relationship with the Lord that when the Holy Spirit guides, we move! No second-guessing, just going and doing as He leads. This is exactly what Paul, Silas, and Timothy did, and they saw God working in real time.)

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- Name all the ways Paul submitted to the Holy Spirit? (Somehow, he realized that the spirit prevented them from going into certain regions; he was prompted to call out the demon; he had faith even in prison; he became emboldened after the officials asked them to leave the city.)
- How was Lydia’s belief put immediately into action? (She immediately offered hospitality to Paul, Silas, and Timothy and started the first church in that region.)
- Name all the *miraculous* things that happened in Philippi. (Lydia was saved, Paul called a demon out of a girl; their prison chains miraculously fell off, and doors opened; the prison guard’s family heard the gospel and believed; Roman officials apologized for them being beaten and imprisoned.)
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