

Acts 16 examples of living true love, October 24-27

WHY LEARNING COMMUNITIES? **Circle Two Opportunity...**

To become better and better disciples of Christ TOGETHER so we can face **anything** through...

1. Deeper learning of Biblical truth
2. Stronger “iron sharpening iron” relationships

Ephesians 4:12–16 (ESV)

HOUSEKEEPING:

Saturday, 8am - Women’s Conference – pray for transformation

The SHIFT to Supernatural Love...

- ✓ Who is God assigning you to **supernaturally** love? (angst)
- ✓ Are we cherry picking Jesus’ commands? (the ones we like)
- ✓ Does every person we encounter experience God’s love through us?
- ✓ Who is God assigning you to love that you are demonizing?

IMPORTANT: loving those who are “far away” is the entry point for love and hate...

Dark powers temptations we must refuse:

- † Refuse to be pulled into ER emotions; act in HR love
- † Refuse to complain about; instead pray for
- † Refuse to view as evil; ask God to give you His eyes

Understanding Jesus’ command to supernaturally love ALL

1. an invitation to Abundant Life, not a demand.

John 10:10 (ESV) The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

Matthew 11:28–30 (ESV) ²⁸Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

- † we were created to love – all else harms us and others
- † living supernatural, RSU love alone satisfies
Philippians 3:8–11 (ESV) (pew Bible page 981)
- † living supernatural, RSU love is a privilege, not punishment

2. a plea to trust Jesus as loving Lord.

Philippians 1:21 (ESV) ²¹For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

- † trust in Jesus as loving Lord **takes the pressure off**
- † trust in Jesus as loving Lord **sets us free to have Abundant Life**
John 8:31–32 (ESV) ³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

3. a call to be pipelines of God’s Presence.

- † it’s not to try harder, but Surrender, Listen and Obey more

John 7:37–38 (ESV) ³⁷On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. ³⁸Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’ ”

Galatians 6:10 (ESV) So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

- † the variety and complexity of being a Supernatural Love pipeline
Selected verses from Acts 16:11–40 (ESV) (pew Bible page 925)

The question in each situation: "what does God's true, supernatural love look like?"

- Rich Gentile woman, 11-15
What did they experience and how did they love supernaturally?

- Demon possessed slave girl, 16-18
What did they experience and how did they love supernaturally?

- Slave girl's owners, crowd, Gentile magistrates (natural enemies of Jews), 19-23
What did they experience and how did they love supernaturally?

- Fellow prisoners, 24-26
What did they experience and how did they love supernaturally?

- Jailer, 27-34
What did they experience and how did they love supernaturally?

- Officials who wanted to brush under carpet, 35-39
What did they experience and how did they love supernaturally?

- Philippian church, 40
What did they experience and how did they love supernaturally?

- Years later in the Philippian church
Philippians 4:1–3 (ESV) ¹Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved. ²I entreat Euodia and I entreat Syntyche to agree in the Lord. ³Yes, I ask you also, true companion, help these women, who have labored side by side with me in the gospel together with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Takeaways...