

Miracles in Prison

**Bible Treasure: 2 Corinthians 1:8-11;
2 Corinthians 11:23-29; Acts 16:25-40**

Paul enjoyed traveling and teaching about God in different cities and countries. Some days were long. Paul would get tired and sad, but he knew that God was with him. When most people met Paul, they felt God's presence. There was always a feeling of peace around Paul, and he performed many miracles.

One time Paul and Silas were thrown into prison because an angry mob was not happy with them teaching the gospel. Some believers warned them to leave, but Paul continued preaching and felt that God was with them.

"Leave our town; you are bringing trouble here," shouted the angry mob. Paul and Silas were hurt by their actions. Paul and Silas prayed and worshipped God even when they were going through a tough time. It felt as if they were all alone and barely hanging on. But God was working behind the scenes.

While in prison, Paul and Silas prayed to God and sang hymns with so much joy. Suddenly there was a loud boom. It was an earthquake! Doors flung open all over the jail, but Paul and Silas continued praising God. While they (and the other prisoners) could have escaped, Paul and Silas stayed so they could share the good news with the jailer. The jailer was amazed to see Paul and Silas still in their prison cell singing praise songs. *Even in prison, Paul and Silas are still happy praising God, I must find out about this God they worship,* the jailer thought to himself.

The jailer invited Paul and Silas to his home and gave his

life to Jesus. In the most unlikely place, God worked a miracle. God used this experience for His glory. Paul and Silas were an example that when it seems as if there is no hope, God provides a way. Even in the most unexpected places, God gives us joy. Maybe you have experienced joy when you are helping others even when you are having a bad day. God can give you strength to get through life and to share that joy with others, who will learn about how loving He is. ☺

References

Hands-on Bible (NLT), by Tyndale Group, © 2007
Kids' Study Bible (NirV), by Zonderkidz, Zondervan © 2003
The Action Bible, by David C. Cook, © 2010
Spark Story Bible, by Sparkhouse, © 2015

Tanya Muganda is an administrative assistant for the Children's Ministries Department at the world headquarters of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

IT'S YOUR TURN

- Have you ever gone through a tough time? Maybe you didn't do well on your test or didn't get picked to play on a sports team at school. How did you react, and what did you feel?
- Ask your parents how God helped them through a tough time.
- How can you help others experience joy during a tough day at school? What are some things you can do for others to know more about God?

Adventist World

Publisher

The *Adventist World*, an international periodical of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The General Conference, Northern Asia-Pacific Division of Seventh-day Adventists', is the publisher.

Editor/Director of Adventist Review Ministries

Justin Kim

International Publishing Manager

Hong, Myung Kwan

Adventist World Coordinating Committee

Yo Han Kim (chair), Tae Seung Kim, Hiroshi Yamaji, Myung Kwan Hong, Seong Jun Byun, Dong Jin Lyu

Associate Editors/Directors in Silver Spring, Maryland, USA

Sikhululekile Daco, John Peckham, Greg Scott

Assistant Editors based in Silver Spring, Maryland, USA

Enno Müller, Beth Thomas

Editors based in Seoul, Korea

Hong, Myung Kwan; Park, Jae Man; Kim, Hyo-Jun

Digital Platforms Director

Gabriel Begle

Operations Manager

Merle Poirier

Editorial Assessment Coordinator

Marvene Thorpe-Baptiste

Advisor

E. Edward Zinke

Financial Manager

Kimberly Brown

Distribution Coordinator

Sharon Tennyson

Management Board

Yo Han Kim, chair; Justin Kim, secretary; Hong, Myung Kwan; Karnik Doukmetzian; SeongJun Byun; John Peckham; Hiroshi Yamaji; Joel Tompkins; Ray Wahlen; Ex-officio: Paul H. Douglas; Erton Köhler; Ted N. C. Wilson

Art Direction and Design

Types & Symbols

To Writers: We welcome unsolicited manuscripts. Address all editorial correspondence to 12501 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, MD 20904-6600, U.S.A. Editorial office fax number: (301) 680-6638


E-mail: worldeditor@gc.adventist.org

Web site: www.adventistworld.org

Unless otherwise indicated, all Bible references are taken from the New King James Version®. Copyright © 1982 by Thomas Nelson. Used by permission. All rights reserved. Texts credited to NIV are from the *Holy Bible, New International Version*®. Copyright © 1973, 1978, 1984, 2011 by Biblica, Inc.® Used by permission. All rights reserved worldwide. Bible texts credited to NRSV are from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible, copyright © 1989 by the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. Used by permission.

Adventist World is published monthly and printed simultaneously in Korea, Brazil, Indonesia, Australia, Germany, Austria, Argentina, Mexico, South Africa, and the United States.

Vol. 19, No. 9

 Seventh-day
Adventist Church

 Printed by
novus print
A Division of Novus Holdings