

Acts 16:35-17:9

## I. Introduction

As I reflected deeply on the example the missionary showed when he came out of Najin, I was led to think seriously about how the church should be built.

Background: This passage concerns events that took place during Paul's second missionary journey. Paul and Silas were seized, beaten, and thrown into prison.

## II. Main Body

### 1. Paul and Silas Suffered a Great Injustice

Based on Acts 16:16-24, what kind of incident were Paul and Silas involved in?

#### 1) What attitude did Paul take in that situation?

They offered no defense, were beaten, and were thrown into prison (Acts 16:22-24).

#### 2) When daybreak came, what action did the magistrates take? (Acts 16:35)

#### 3) When the magistrates said, "Now come out and go in peace," Paul raised an unexpected objection. Why? (Acts 16:37)

Paul was deeply concerned about the newly established church in Philippi.

Even on the first night when he was arrested, Paul did not reveal his Roman citizenship and silently endured suffering—for the sake of the church.

Then why did he reveal his status at the time of release? This too was for the sake of the Philippian church.

(Application) The church grows by feeding on our deep love and sacrifice.

For the past eleven years, I have lived with the resolve that if a moment of sacrifice for the church were to come, I would bear anything for it.

When that moment of sacrifice for the church comes, let us embrace it with joy.

### 2. What Was the Example Paul Showed in Thessalonica?

#### 1) After leaving Philippi, Paul arrived in Thessalonica (Acts 17:1).

#### 2) Where did Paul teach, and what did he proclaim? (Acts 17:2-3)

#### 3) When many people followed Paul after hearing the gospel, the Jews became jealous. What did they do after gathering some wicked men? (Acts 17:5-9)

#### 4) In reality, the apostle Paul stayed in Thessalonica for quite some time and led the church to significant growth.

How did Paul support himself during this period? (1 Thessalonians 2:9)

#### 5) (Application) A healthy church does not come into existence by accident.

When someone gives up their own rights for the sake of the church, a healthy church is built.

In fact, every good community is one that has people who are willing to make such sacrifices.

## III. Conclusion

I pray that Hanuri Church will be a church that grows by feeding on love and sacrifice, and that it will become a blessed and healthy church where its leaders lay down their own rights and rely only on the Lord.

**Bible  
Memorization**

**A VERSE FOR THIS WEEK**

“But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.” (Acts 20:24, ESV)

**Bible  
Reading**

1/12(Mon)	1/13(Tue)	1/14(Wed)	1/15(Thur)	1/16(Fri)	1/17(Sat)	1/18(Sun)
Genesis 1-3	Genesis 4-8	Genesis 9-12	Genesis 13-16	Genesis 17-19	Genesis 20-22	Genesis 23-24

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**Quiet Time Passage**

1/12(Mon)	1/13(Tue)	1/14(Wed)	1/15(Thur)	1/16(Fri)	1/17(Sat)	1/18(Sun)
Matthew 1:1-17	Matthew 1:18-25	Matthew 2:1-12	Matthew 2:13-23	Matthew 3:1-10	Matthew 3:11-17	Matthew 4:1-11

**Sharing  
Questions**

1. From today's sermon, share one thing that particularly blessed you or gave you a new insight.

2. Have you ever made a sacrifice for the church like Paul and Silas? If a similar situation were to arise, how would you respond?

3. Have you ever given up a right that you were entitled to for the sake of the church you love? Please share your past experience.