



**Title** | Turning the Tables  
**Series** | The Church That Changed the World  
**Text** | Acts 16:35-40  
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## Sermon Notes

**Acts 16:35** But when it was day, the magistrates sent the police, saying, “Let those men go.” **36** And the jailer reported these words to Paul, saying, “The magistrates have sent to let you go. Therefore come out now and go in peace.” **37** But Paul said to them, “They have beaten us publicly, uncondemned, men who are Roman citizens, and have thrown us into prison; and do they now throw us out secretly? No! Let them come themselves and take us out.” **38** The police reported these words to the magistrates, and they were afraid when they heard that they were Roman citizens. **39** So they came and apologized to them. And they took them out and asked them to leave the city. **40** So they went out of the prison and visited Lydia. And when they had seen the brothers, they encouraged them and departed. *ESV*

### Big Idea:

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## **For Reflection and Application:**

### **Monday:**

Read Acts 16:35-40. When the message from the magistrates, “Let those men go” had been delivered by the police (rod bearers) to the jailer, what do you think the jailer reported to the police? In what sense had “those men” already been “let go”? How do you think the police would have felt upon hearing the news of the earthquake?

### **Tuesday:**

Compare Acts 16:23-24 with Acts 16:36. How have the tables turned? How can God turn the tables on your troubles?

### **Wednesday:**

From Acts 16:38, why are the magistrates afraid? How have the tables turned? How can God turn the tables on your troubles?

### **Thursday:**

Compare Acts 16:22 and Acts 16:39. How have the tables turned? How can God turn the tables on your troubles?

### **Friday:**

In what ways could the jail incident in Acts 16:35-40 actually strengthen the church in Philippi? How have the tables turned? How can God turn the tables on your troubles?

### **Daily Prayer:**

Lord, you do have a way of turning the tables on my troubles. The death and resurrection of Christ turned the tables on my hopelessness. And now every trouble I faithfully face on earth will be turned to glory in heaven. Amen.