

Sermon Outline

Title: **Can You Be Like Silas?**

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Scripture Text : Acts 16: 16-34

Holman Christian Bible – Translation

I. **Introduction**

- a. People in Leadership positions
- b. Presidents, School Principals, Head Coaches, Managers
- c. All figureheads have people they rely on
- d. President- Chief of Staff
- e. Tiger Woods- Caddy
- f. Little Known Bible Figures
- g. We know ; Abraham, Moses, David, Solomon, Job, Isaiah, Danie.
- h. Hundreds of people who are not well known
- i. A number of men traveled with the Apostle Paul
- j. Paul was powerful and influential
- k. Silas is the focus of this message
- l. Introduced in Acts Ch. 15.
- m. Originally sent to accompany Paul and Barnabas
- n. **Title: Can You Be like Silas?**

II. **Point No. One: Silas – Together in Peril**

- a. Text Acts 16: 19
- b. Paul and Silas- teaching and preaching in Phillippi
- c. Casted out a Spirit from a possessed woman
- d. Angry masters/employers
- e. False Accusations
- f. Silas was loyal despite the peril
- g. Silas- no effort to escape

- h. Do not shake your religious affiliation
- i. Commitment to the works
- j. Psalms 37: 23-24- the Steps of a good man
- k. Strong connection to Christ and the Lord's Church
- l. Stay connected, stay faithful
- m. Weather the storms Isa 43: 2
- n. Jesus said : In this world you will have trials.... John 16: 33

III. Point No. Two: Silas-Together in Suffering

- a. Verses 20-21- brought before the magistrates
- b. False accusations- teaching unlawful customs
- c. Angry crowd; torn clothes; beating of Paul and Silas
- d. Silas- willing to suffer and be hurt
- e. We have to suffer at various times.
- f. I Cor. 16: 13. Watch and stand fast in the faith.
- g. Heb. 11:6. Without Faith God cannot be pleased
- h. Prov. 3:5- 5 Trust in God.
- i. I Peter 4:16- Suffering as a Christian
- j. Made more bearable by the presence of Silas
- k. Trials make us stronger- builds patience
- l. Perseverance
- m. II Cor. 4:9 We are persecuted but not forsaken..

IV. Point No. Three: Silas- Together in Prayer and Praise

- a. Acts 16
- b. Jailed and thrown into the interior
- c. Acts 16:25- At Midnight- Praying and Singing
- d. A testament to their faith.
- e. Prayer is an act of faith
- f. Singing songs of praise is an act of faith
- g. Positives from difficult and challenging situations
- h. Communicating and praising God.
- i. Heb. 10:24 Encouraging one another
- j. Heb. 10: 25- Assembling together
- k. Eph. 5: 19-20 Psalms and Hymns
- l. Making the most of our situations
- m. Psalms 100: 3-5 Know the Lord ... Be thankful

n. II Cor. 9:8 God is able to Bless you

o. Psa. 46:1-3 God is our Refuge

p. Isa. 12: 2 Trusting in God

V. Point No. Four- Silas – Together in Evangelism

a. Verse 26

a. The Earthquake, the release of the prisoners

b. Recognize and Appreciate the Deliverance of God

c. The Example of Moses and the Israelites

d. The Goodness of God

e. God makes a victory out of a challenge

f. The fear of the Jailer

g. Realization of God's power

h. Verse 31. Response. Believe on the Lord Jesus

i. Verse 32. Gospel message

j. Use adversity as an opportunity to teach

k. Silas – Paul's right hand man

l. Be thankful and appreciate what God has done

m. Paul and Silas- working together

n. Minister, and other leaders need a "Silas" type.

VI. Conclusion

a. Many unknown spiritual heroes.

b. Silas- a disciple – a prophet- faithful worker

c. Silas supported Paul's work

d. Silas together with Paul in Peril

e. Silas together in Suffering

f. Together in Praise and Prayer

g. Acts 15

h. Hardship should not quench our spirit

i. No Ego – no desire for preeminence. Diotrophes III John 9:10

j. Demas- I Tim 4:10

k. Acts 13:13 John Mark left Paul

l. We have all been hurt at various times.

m. Don't walk away from the Lord's Church or the work

VII. Invitation

a. Hear the Gospel Rom. 10:17

- b. Believe the Gospel Rom 10: 10
 - c. Repent of Sins Luke 13: 3, Acts 2: 38
 - d. Confess your faith in Jesus Acts 8: 37
 - e. Be Baptized Acts 2: 38
 - f. Live a faithful life. Until death Rev. 2: 10
- VIII. Church members
- a. Confess your faults and Repent James 5:16