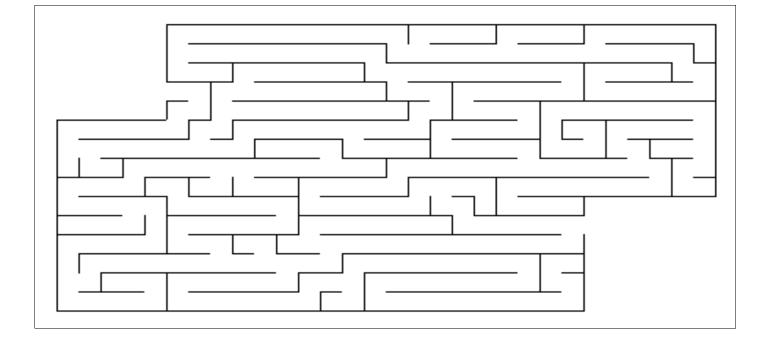


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## THE SECOND JOURNEY OF PAUL LESSON MAKING THE LAWGIVERS KEEP THE LAW

P1 It is a rule of life that laws must be made so that things work smoothly. For example we have traffic laws that regulate how fast you can drive, where you can drive and how you can drive. These laws are made by men and most of the time are good laws. However, from time to time, you will run into or meet up with those who make laws for others to keep but they will not keep them themselves.

In our story today Paul makes the lawmakers in Philippi stick to their laws. You and I are to do the same thing. Paul is our pattern and example in this life and when we find LAWMAKERS BEING LAWBREAKERS then it is our RESPONSIBILITY to make them keep the laws that they make.

P2 Last time Paul was saved by the EARTHQUAKE JAILBREAK. He then gave the Philippian Jailer the gospel and he gets saved. <u>Acts 16:31 And they said,</u> <u>Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.</u>

P3 Notice Paul and Silas give the Jailer the word of the Lord NOT their opinion. He also preaches the gospel of grace to all of the Jailers family. <u>Acts 16:32 And</u> they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house.

P4 After the Jailer is saved he takes them and washes their stripes. This means he did what he could to help the pain that they were in from being beaten. Remember that even when they had been beaten and had bloody backs Paul and Silas STILL sang praises to the Lord and prayed. This is another good example for us to follow. Acts 16:33 And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway. They were water baptized because God had not yet told Paul not to water baptize, later on Paul no longer water baptizes people. The word straightway means immediately.

P5 <u>Acts 16:34</u> And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house. The Jailer takes Paul and Silas to his home and feeds them and then they talk about the word of God and their new life in Christ.

P6 Acts 16:35 And when it was day, the magistrates (head police officials) sent the serjeants (local policemen), saying, Let those men go. 36 And the keeper of the prison told this saying to Paul, The magistrates have sent to let you go: now therefore depart, and go in peace. Now the local police officials believe they have made a mistake and order Paul and Silas to be released. The problem is that they should never have been arrested, beaten or thrown into jail. Paul will not let them off the hook so easily as just leaving. Those in positions of authority MUST be RESPONSIBLE to keep the laws they make.

P7 Acts 16:37 But Paul said unto them, They have beaten us openly uncondemned, being Romans, and have cast us into prison; and now do they thrust us out privily? nay verily; but let them come themselves and fetch us out. Paul is saying - these government officials beat us in public and put us into jail without even a trial and now they just want us to go away like nothing happened? NOT NO WAY NOT NO HOW. They must come to us and apologize first.

P8 Acts 16:38 And the serjeants told these words unto the magistrates: and they feared, when they heard that they were Romans. The Romans, and Paul was a Roman citizen, had certain rights under the law. One of those rights was that they could not be thrown into jail without a trial first. Paul and Silas did not get that trail and so Paul is making them responsible for their error.

P9 Acts 16:39 And they came and besought them, and brought them out, and desired them to depart out of the city. The government officials come and

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