

HOW TO HAVE A LOCKDOWN MINDSET by Pastor Jarrod Davidoff

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Acts 16:16 As we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by fortune-telling. **17** She followed Paul and us, crying out, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." **18** And this she kept doing for many days. Paul, having become greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

19 But when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the rulers. **20** And when they had brought them to the magistrates, they said, "These men are Jews, and they are disturbing our city. **21** They advocate customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to accept or practice."

22 The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates tore the garments off them and gave orders to beat them with rods.

23 And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, ordering the jailer to keep them safely. **24** Having received this order, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks.

WE ARE LIVING IN DAYS WHEREBY PREACHING THE GOSPEL, THE TRUTH AND DOING THE RIGHT THING CAN LAND YOU IN JAIL OR WORSE.

25 About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God,

(Nehemiah 8:10 says Do not sorrow, for the joy of the Lord is your strength)

and the prisoners were listening to them,

26 and suddenly there was a great earthquake,

so that the foundations of the prison were shaken.

And immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone's bonds were unfastened. **27** When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. **28** But Paul cried with a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." **29** And the jailer called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas. **30** Then he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

31 And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." **32** And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. **33** And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their wounds; and he was baptized at once, he and all his family. **34** Then he brought them up into his house and set food before them. And he rejoiced along with his entire household that he had believed in God.

Romans 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to *His* purpose.

What was intended for harm, God turns it around for His glory.

HERE ARE SOME THINGS THAT YOU NEED IN YOUR MINDSET WHEN YOU ARE UNDER A LOCKDOWN

Meaning of **lockdown**

: an emergency measure or condition in which people are temporarily prevented from entering or leaving a restricted area or building during a threat of danger

: the confinement of prisoners to their cells for all or most of the day as a temporary security measure

1) REJOICE IN THIS TIME

Philippians 4:4 Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!

5 Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord *is* at hand.

6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; **7** and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Habakkuk 3:18 yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will take joy in the God of my salvation.

2) BUILD YOURSELF UP TO BE SPIRITUALLY MINDED

What are you thinking about?

What are you meditating on?

MEDITATE ON THE WORD

Philippians 4:8 Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things *are* noble, whatever things *are* just, whatever things *are* pure, whatever

things *are* lovely, whatever things *are* of good report, if *there is* any virtue and if *there is* anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things. **9** The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.

Colossians 3 2 Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.

Romans 8:6 For to be carnally minded *is* death, but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace.

3) GOD WILL PROVIDE DURING THIS SEASON

Philippians 4:19 And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. **20** Now to our God and Father *be* glory forever and ever. Amen.

Malachi 3:10 Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, And try Me now in this,” Says the Lord of hosts, “If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you *such* blessing That *there will not be room enough to receive it*.

11 “And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, So that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground, Nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field,” Says the Lord of hosts;

Hebrews 10:38 Now the just shall live by faith; But if *anyone* draws back, My soul has no pleasure in him.”

4) TIME TO REACH OUT

Philippians 1:4 Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

With the Philippian jailer:

Acts 16:30 Then he brought them out and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”

31 And they said, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.”

5. GOD WILL PROTECT YOU

Philippians 1:12 But I want you to know, brethren, that the things *which happened* to me have actually turned out for the furtherance of the gospel, **13** so that it has become evident to the whole palace guard, and to all the rest, that my chains are in Christ; **14** and most of the brethren in the Lord, having become confident by my chains, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

19 For I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your prayer and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,

AN ATTACK ON THE GOOD YOU’RE DOING

Acts 23:12 When it was day, the Jews made a plot and bound themselves by an oath neither to eat nor drink till they had killed Paul. **13** There were more than forty who made this conspiracy.

Acts 23:16 Now the son of Paul's sister heard of their ambush, so he went and entered the barracks and told Paul. **17** Paul called one of the centurions and said, “Take this young man to the tribune, for he has something to tell him.”

Acts 23:23 Then he called two of the centurions and said, “Get ready two hundred soldiers, with seventy horsemen and two hundred spearmen to go

as far as Caesarea at the third hour of the night. **24** Also provide mounts for Paul to ride and bring him safely to Felix the governor.”

Acts 24:22 But Felix, having a rather accurate knowledge of the Way, put them off, saying, “When Lysias the tribune comes down, I will decide your case.” **23** Then he gave orders to the centurion that he should be kept in custody but have some liberty, and that none of his friends should be prevented from attending to his needs.

27 When two years had elapsed, Felix was succeeded by Porcius Festus. And desiring to do the Jews a favor, Felix left Paul in prison.

6) GOALS AFTER THE LOCKDOWN

Philippians 1:12 Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. **13** Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing *I do*, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, **14** I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

WHAT’S YOUR GOAL DURING THE LOCKDOWN?

Weight and fitness

Bible study & prayer time

Work for your company

Start to study more. Do an online course. Equip yourself.

Work on a business deal

Start or finish that project you have

Make a list of people that you need to reach out to