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Act 7 in God's Story

Expanding the New Community

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Where we left off from last week:

1. *Paul & companions thwarted 2x by the Spirit redirected to Philippi*
 2. *Meet a group of gals – Lydia in particular*
 3. *Daily a “slave girl” follows Paul with a “spirit of divination”*
 4. *Paul casts the spirit out taking away her masters income*
 5. *Who in turn raises cane in the town square*
 6. *Which gets Paul arrested, beaten & jailed*
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Phil. 1:12-14 Now I want you to know, brethren, that my circumstances have turned out for the greater progress of the gospel, so that my imprisonment in the cause of Christ has become well known throughout the whole praetorian guard and to everyone else, and that most of the brethren, trusting in the Lord because of my imprisonment, have far more courage to speak the word of God without fear.

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- Acts 16:24-28



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Rather than feeling sorry for himself Paul:

1. *Assumes God has an active enemy*
 2. *Assumes God will not abandon him*
 3. *Assumes God will create new life out of death*
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- Acts 16:29-37



Diploma or Diptych



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- Acts 16:38-40



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Phil. 1:3-5 I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always offering prayer with joy in my every prayer for you all, in view of your participation in the gospel from the first day until now.

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Closing thoughts:

1. *No victims*

2. *Connecting the seemingly “unconnected”
dots*
