

## 1. How do you respond when life hits you with something unexpected or painful?

- Acts 16:25 "About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them."
- Paul and Silas were beaten, imprisoned, and chained—yet their response was worship, not despair. Their unshakable faith became a witness to others.
- Follow-up: What would it look like to anchor your faith in what God has already done (through Jesus) rather than what you're hoping He will do? Where might that shift change your response to hardship?

## 2. What does it mean to have faith that holds firm—even when circumstances make no sense?

- Romans 5:3-5 "We also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope..."
- Paul reminds us that suffering isn't wasted—it builds something deeper in us. Faith rooted in Christ's finished work leads to endurance and hope.
- **Follow-up:** Can you think of a time your faith was strengthened *through* a hard season, not around it? What did God build in you through that experience?

## 3. Who in your life is watching how you navigate difficulty—and how might your faith impact them?

- Acts 16:26 "Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake... all the prison doors flew open, and everyone's chains came loose."
- Paul and Silas' faith didn't just free them—it affected *everyone* around them. Unshakable faith becomes contagious.
- Follow-up: What midnight moment are you in—or have you come through—that others may be watching? How might God use your perseverance to encourage or even lead others to Him?