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A plot twist is an unexpected turn
in a story that changes everything.



Isaiah 43:19 (NLT)

¹⁹ For I am about to do something new. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it? I will make a pathway through the wilderness. I will create rivers in the dry wasteland.

God can turn every difficult situation
around for His glory and our good.



PAUL AND SILAS IN PRISON



Acts 16:9-10 (NIV)

⁹ During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.”
¹⁰ After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that **God had called us to preach the gospel to them.**

Acts 16:17-18 (NIV)

¹⁷ She followed Paul and the rest of us, shouting, “These men are servants of the Most High God, who are telling you the way to be saved.” ¹⁸ She kept this up for many days...

Acts 16:18 (NIV)

¹⁸ ...Finally Paul became so annoyed that he turned around and said to the spirit, “**In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to come out of her!**” At that moment the spirit left her.

Acts 16:22-24 (NIV)

22 The crowd joined in the attack against Paul and Silas, and the magistrates ordered them to be stripped and beaten with rods.

23 After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully.

Acts 16:22-24 (NIV)

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Why does life feel so unfair?



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Acts 16:24-34 (NIV)

²⁴ When he received these orders, he put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. ²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶ Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken.

Acts 16:24-34 (NIV)

At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone's chains came loose. ²⁷ The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸ But Paul shouted, "Don't harm yourself! We are all here!"

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Acts 16:24-34 (NIV)

³³ At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his household were baptized. ³⁴ The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God—he and his whole household.

Their imprisonment became a pathway
for a family to encounter the love of God.



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God used their difficult situation to change
the jailer and his family's life.

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How should we respond
in difficult situations?

LOOK TO GOD



Acts 16:24 (NIV)

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Acts 16:25 (NIV)

²⁵ About **midnight** Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them.

Their circumstances had changed,
but God has not changed.



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Their situation was difficult,
but God is still good.



Their future was uncertain,
but God is still faithful.



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Their chains were real,
but God is still powerful.







“How great my problem is.”
to
“How great God is.”

“There is no way out.”
to
“God can make a way.”



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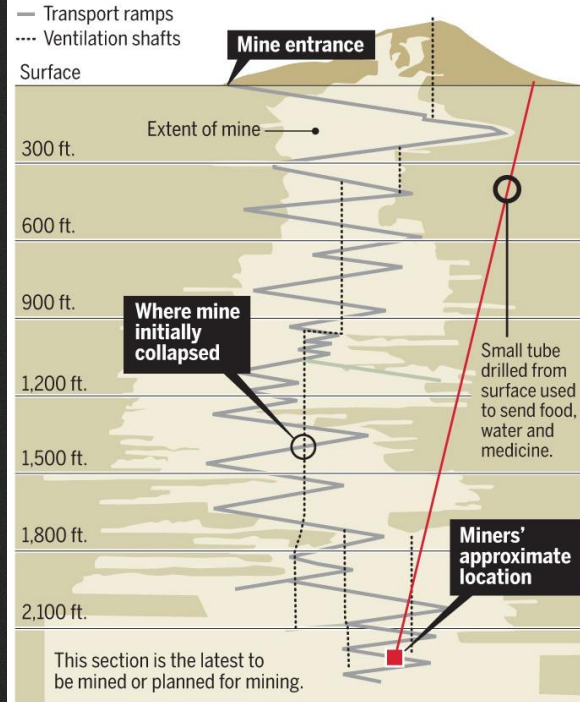
Acts 16:26 (NIV)

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Trapped underground

Thirty-three Chilean miners are stuck in a small refuge area more than 2,000 feet underground.



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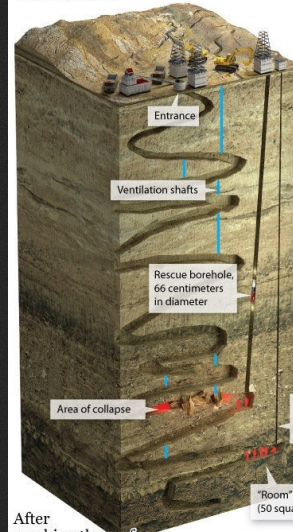
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Chilean Miners Rescue Plan

Chilean rescuers spent 40 days drilling a borehole in an effort to save the Chilean miners trapped under the earth at the depth of 700 meters since August 5



San Jose Mine



Phoenix rescue capsule

Three capsules have been designed specially for the operation

The shaft has special belts to monitor the blood pressure, temperature, pulse and breathing rate

Oxygen system

Communication system

Safety belts

First borehole (which provides ventilation of the shaft and supplies to the miners)

"Room" where miners stay (50 square meters)



Stages of rescue operation



1
Drilling a borehole with a pneumatic hammer that throws the earth to the surface



2
Increasing the diameter size of the borehole to 66 centimeters (26 inches) with the use of a bar with a cutter



3
Descent of two volunteers (mine specialist and military doctor) to test the capsule



4
Pulling up the miners one by one to the surface in the rescue capsule

After reaching the surface:



miners will be given dark glasses to protect their eyes from bright sunlight



miners will undergo a medical examination



miners will be delivered to a field hospital installed near the mine



once the condition of the rescued miners stabilize, they will be transferred to a medical center in Copiapo in the Atacama Region

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DISCOVER THEIR STORIES AND
THE MIRACLE THAT SET THEM FREE

19 NOVEMBER

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For us, prayer was so important.
We felt God's presence in a very special way.

JOSE HENRIQUEZ



It was amazing to watch the Lord responding to us, even in the dark...We began to see what God was planning to do with each of us. That was the reason we could be tranquil. We could have peace and be united together.

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God didn't need any doors to get
down there in the mine where we were.
Every time we called on His name,
He came. He was there, and
He was present.

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The prison doors didn't just
open for Paul and Silas to escape.
God was opening the hearts of the jailer
and his entire household.

How can I live for You
in the middle of my pain?

Romans 8:28 (NIV)

²⁸ And we know that in **all things** God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

- What can You do through this situation?

- What can You do through this situation?
- Who can I encourage?

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- Who can I encourage?
- Who can I love?

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- Who can I encourage?
- Who can I love?
- Who can I point towards Jesus?

- What can You do through this situation?
- Who can I encourage?
- Who can I love?
- Who can I point towards Jesus?
- How can I still live for You?

We may not always understand
why we are going through something,
but we can trust that God can
still work through it.



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So whether you're on a mountain
or in a valley, know that God really works
for the good of those who love Him.

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Acts 16:31 (NIV)

³¹ They replied, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household.”

John 3:16-17 (NIV)

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

Psalms 16:11 (NKJV)

¹¹ You will show me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Acts 16:34 (NIV)

³⁴ The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; **he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God—he and his whole household.**

Philippians 1:12-13 (NIV)

¹² Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel. ¹³ As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ.

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