

In The Dark--part 2
"The Life of Paul" episode 22
Acts 16:16-40

"In the cave Paul and Silas lay side by side silent in a state of physical shock, the blood congealing, their muscles stiffening, unable to rest on their torn backs yet in acute discomfort when they sat upright. Their feet were numbed and the wooden bar pressed on their ankles. The clothes they had put round each other's backs could not stop the shivering, and they were forced to lie in their own excrement.

"Sleep never came. Nor at first could they pray. When shock subsided and the pain eased, their minds sought an answer to the outrage, indignity, and injury that had engulfed them though Roman citizens in a Roman colony. There may have been depression, even a trace of resentment while each '*learned in whatsoever state I am, to be content,*' until, as night wore on . . . [they were] overwhelmed by knowledge that in all these things they could be more than conquerors through Him who loved them . . . They began to pray. As they prayed, prayers turned to praise." John Pollock, *The Apostle*

☞ Crisis r character.

cf. Matthew 25:1-13 Character is revealed at _____.

☞ Attitude determines a determines attitude.

Philippians 1:3 (thankful) ... 1:6 (confident) ... 1:7 (affectionate) ...

1:12-14 (fearless) ... 1:15-18 (PMA) ... 1:18 (joy) ... 1:19 (optimistic) ...

1:21 (Christocentric) ... 1:22 (content) ... 1:23-26 (selfless) ...

Assignment complete this list of attitudes in Philippians

☞ Response s circumstance.