

Acts 16:28

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here.

Analysis

'Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here.' Paul's intervention saved the jailor's physical life before saving his soul. Despite unjust treatment, Paul showed compassion to his captor. This selfless concern demonstrated Christian love and prepared the jailor's heart for the gospel. Genuine faith produces love for enemies.

Historical Context

Paul could have escaped but chose to remain, valuing the jailor's life and salvation over personal freedom. This extraordinary compassion after severe beating demonstrates supernatural grace.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. How does loving our enemies demonstrate the gospel's power?
2. What does it cost to value others' souls above our own comfort or freedom?
3. How can we show compassion to those who have wronged us?

Interlinear Text

ἐφώνησεν δὲ φωνῇ μεγάλῃ ὁ Παῦλος λέγων, Μηδὲν
cried But voice with a loud G3588 Paul saying no
G5455 G1161 G5456 G3173 G3972 G3004 G3367

πράξης σεαυτῷ κακόν ἀπαντες γάρ ἐσμεν ἐνθάδε
Do thyself harm all for we are here
G4238 G4572 G2556 G537 G1063 G2070 G1759

Additional Cross-References

1 Thessalonians 5:15 (Parallel theme): See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men.

Luke 23:34 (Parallel theme): Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots.

Ecclesiastes 7:17 (Parallel theme): Be not over much wicked, neither be thou foolish: why shouldest thou die before thy time?

Matthew 5:44 (Parallel theme): But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;