

East Side Church of God

Life Notes

Hope Rising—Power
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The police reported these words to the magistrates, and they were afraid when they heard that they were Roman citizens. So they came and apologized to them. And they took them out and asked them to leave the city. So they went out of the prison and visited Lydia. And when they had seen the brothers, they encouraged them and departed. –Acts 16:38-40 (ESV)

Text: Acts 16:11-18

Power Surge #1: When the hope of Jesus Christ is shared with people the Holy Spirit has the power to **open hearts**.

One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshipper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. –Acts 16:14 (ESV)

Power Surge #2: When the hope of Jesus Christ is shared with people the Holy Spirit has the power to **transform** entire **families**.

And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay.” And she prevailed upon us.” –Acts 16:15 (ESV)

Power Surge #3: When the hope of Jesus Christ is shared with people the Holy Spirit has the power to **deliver** those who live in **oppression**.

As we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by fortune-telling. She followed Paul and us, crying out, “These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation.” And this she kept doing for many days. Paul having become greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, “I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And it came out that very hour. –Acts 16:16-18 (ESV)

Power Surge #4: When the hope of Jesus Christ is shared with people the Holy Spirit has the power to **impact** entire **communities**.