

DIVINE PROTECTION AND INTERVENTION Acts 16:16-34

GOD IS TAKING THE LONG VIEW.

"My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts," says the Lord. "And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine. For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts." Isaiah 55:8-9 (NLT)

BEFORE YOU HAVE A PROBLEM, GOD HAS A PLAN.

GOD HAS THE POWER TO MIRACULOUSLY SAVE.

What do we do when God doesn't intervene or protect us the way we wish He would?

• WE WORSHIP.

Around midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening. Acts 16:25 (NLT)

For this world is not our permanent home; we are looking forward to a home yet to come. Therefore, let us offer through Jesus a continual sacrifice of praise to God, proclaiming our allegiance to his name. Hebrews 13:14-15 (NLT)

WE <u>TRUST</u>.

They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved, along with everyone in your household." And they shared the word of the Lord with him and with all who lived in his household. ... and he and his entire household rejoiced because they all believed in God. Acts 16:30-34 (NLT)

• WE <u>PRAY</u> FOR DIVINE <u>PROTECTION</u>.

And don't let us yield to temptation, but rescue us from the evil one. Matthew 6:13 (NLT)

• WE PRAY FOR DIVINE PERSPECTIVE – What does this make possible?

Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God's right hand. Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth.

Colossians 3:1-2 (NLT)

Going deeper on your own: This week, as you think about God's "Divine Intervention and Protection", take some time to pray and reflect on two different aspects of how God works in our lives. 1) God, when and where have you intervened or protected me that I have not recognized or thanked you for already? 2) In the times that you didn't protect or intervene the way I wanted you to, in the place I am hurting or grieving or disappointed, what does that make possible? What do you want to do with that part of my story? If God reveals something you would like to share, Pastor Kristen would love to hear it. Email it to Kristen@CenterPointChurch.com.