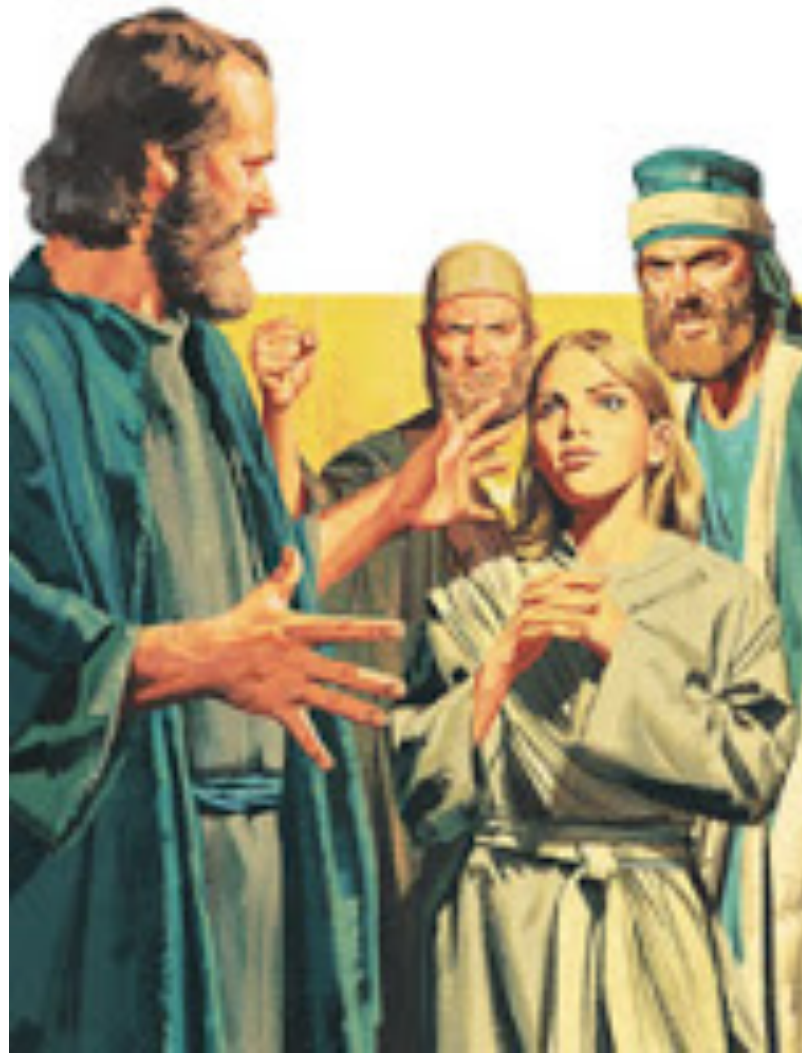


# Dare to Believe

When we dare to believe in Jesus, we  
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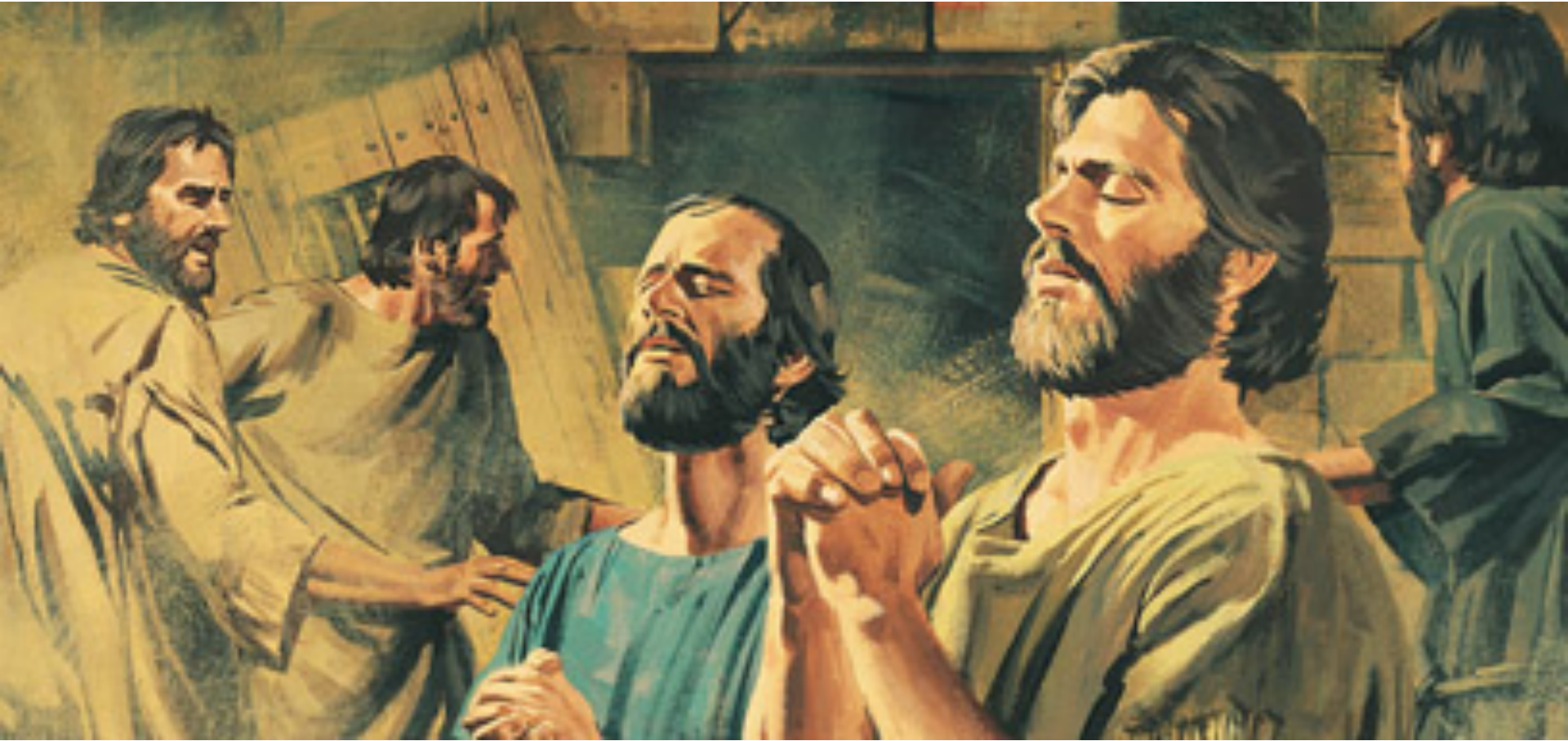
Draw a Roller Coaster that  
Represents Your Life



















# Characters in the Story

- Paul and Silas
- Slave Girl
- Slave Girl's Owners
- The Mob
- Chief Magistrates
- Jailer (Acts 16:26-32)
- Other Prisoners
- Jailer (Acts 16: 33-34)
- Jailer's Household







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PASSAGE	NATURE OF PERSECUTION	RESULT
Acts 4	Threats	Prayer (v. 24), filling with the Spirit (v. 31), unity (v. 32), witness (v. 33)
Acts 5	Beatings	Rejoicing (v. 41), witness (v. 42)
Acts 7	Killing of an individual	Saul witnesses Stephen's death
Acts 8	Widespread persecution, arrests	Spreading of the gospel (8:1,4), conversion of Saul (chapter 9)
Acts 9	Plot to kill Paul	Unity (vv. 26,27), witness (v. 28), more persecution (v. 29)
Acts 12	James killed, Peter arrested	Prayer (v. 5), answered prayer
Acts 13	Paul reviled (v. 36), mob incited violence, driven from the city (v. 50)	Gospel goes to the Gentiles
Acts 14:1-7	Plot to harm Paul and Barnabas (v. 5)	Left and preached the gospel (v. 7)
Acts 14:8-22	Paul stoned and left for dead (v. 19)	Believers strengthened and taught to continue in faith, to enter the kingdom of God through many tribulations (v. 22)
Acts 16	Paul imprisoned and beaten (vv. 23,24)	Praised God (v. 25), jailer and family come to Christ (vv. 32-34), their Roman rights were upheld (vv. 35-39)
Acts 17:1-12	Mob riot (v. 5)	Paul sent to Berea (v. 10), many received the message (v. 11)
Acts 17:13-34	Opposition incited by Jews from Thessalonica (v. 13)	Paul sent to Athens (v. 14), some believed (v. 34)
Acts 18	Persecutors become abusive (v. 6)	Paul takes the message to the Gentiles, many believe (vv. 6-8)
Acts 19	Mob action (vv. 23,34)	Paul advised by church to stay away from the crowd; situation settles down, church protected by authorities (v. 37)
Acts 21-23	Paul attacked by Jews and arrested by Romans in the temple	Paul appeals for his legal rights as a Roman; sent to Rome to testify for Christ (23:11); witnesses to political leaders (chap. 24), Festus (25:1-12), Herod Agrippa (25:23-26:32); preaches and teaches in Rome (28:31)

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Admit

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- Help Others (vs16-24)



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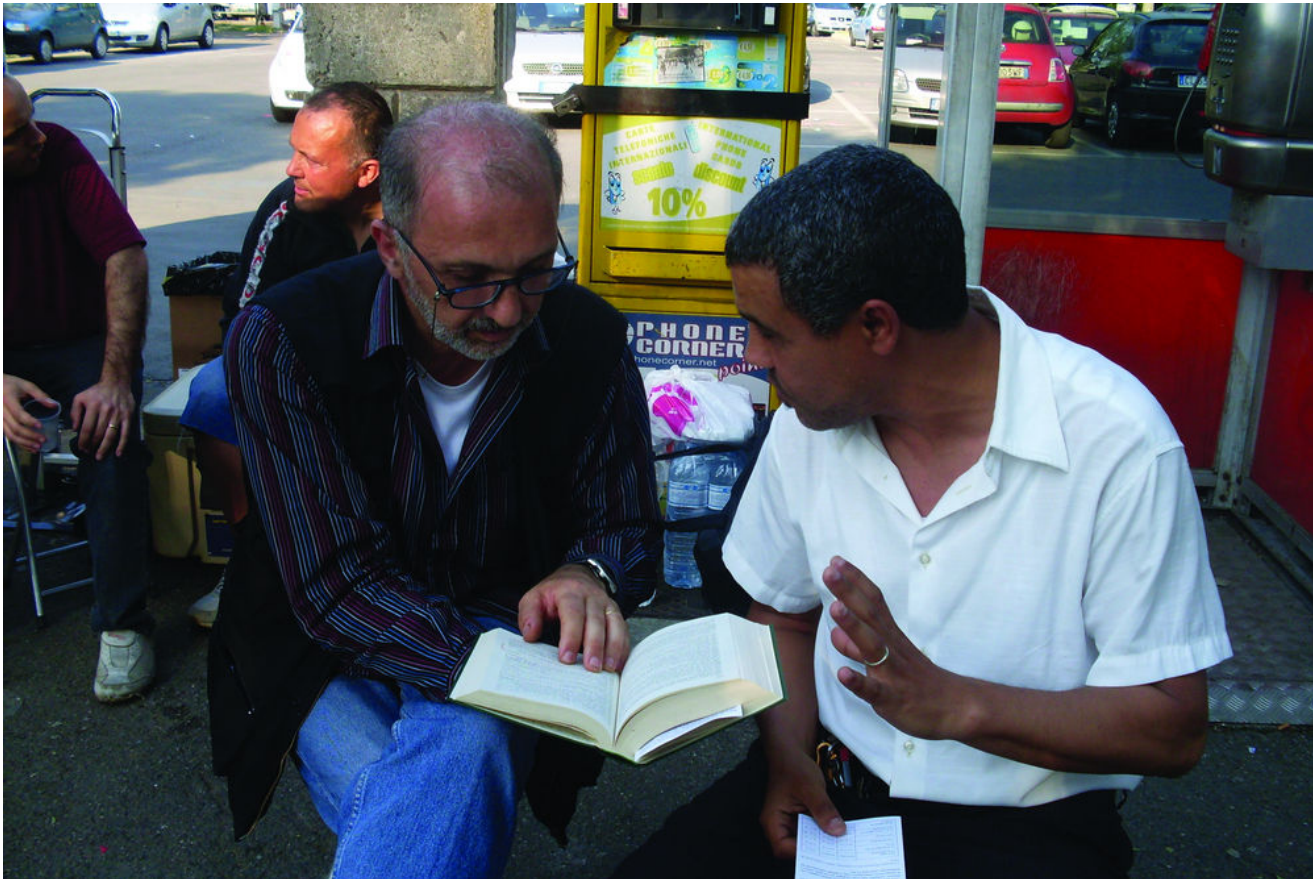
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# Having Dared to Believe...

- Witness to Others (vs26-32)



# Having Dared to Believe...

- Help and Rejoice (vs33-34)



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