

# Our Strong Savior

Acts 16:16-40

## What sort of people are transformed by the Gospel?

“... **a woman named Lydia**, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. (Acts 16:14)

“... **a slave girl who had a spirit of divination ...”** (Acts 16:16)

“... **the jailer** called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them out and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” (Acts 16:29-30)

“... **everyone** who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” (Romans 10:13)

## A tragic slave girl - vs. 16-18

\_\_\_\_\_ by an evil spirit ...

\_\_\_\_\_ by evil men ...

\_\_\_\_\_ the gospel ...

\_\_\_\_\_ the apostle Paul ...

\_\_\_\_\_ by Jesus Christ ...

## An angry crowd - vs. 19-23

\_\_\_\_\_ their true motives ...

\_\_\_\_\_ the missionaries falsely ...

\_\_\_\_\_ the bigotry of the crowd ...

\_\_\_\_\_ a brutal beating ...

Some thoughts on **suffering** even when faithful and obedient ...

## An astonished jailer - vs. 25-29

\_\_\_\_\_ amazing faith ...

\_\_\_\_\_ Divine intervention ...

\_\_\_\_\_ from remarkable compassion ...

\_\_\_\_\_ himself before the Almighty ...

## The most necessary question - vs. 30-34

*What’s the (only) answer?*

## Some amazing results - vs. 35-40

An unlikely church is \_\_\_\_\_ ...

A vulnerable church is \_\_\_\_\_ ...

A needy church is \_\_\_\_\_ (and strengthened) ...

## New Midweek Study Begins August 10

**Exodus: The Person, Promise, and Power of God**

Pastor Paul will begin a study of Exodus this Wednesday at 6pm in the Sanctuary.

## Midweek Meal Delayed

We will not be serving a meal on August 10. All Midweek activities will begin at 6pm.

## Elder Nominations

Calvary is accepting elder nominations during August. Nomination forms are in the Fellowship Center Foyer and can be placed in the offering boxes inside the Fellowship Center.

## Facilitators Needed for DivorceCare and GriefShare

DivorceCare is a safe place where caring people come alongside you as you find healing from the pain of separation or divorce. At this 13-week, video-based support group program, you'll find helpful counsel to manage the emotional turmoil and practical tools for decision making.

[calvarydothan.com/divorcecare](http://calvarydothan.com/divorcecare)

It may be hard for you to feel optimistic about the future right now. If you've lost a spouse, child, family member, or friend, you've probably found there are not many people who understand the deep hurt you feel. This can be a confusing time when you feel isolated and have many questions about things you've never faced before. GriefShare groups meet weekly to help you face these challenges and move toward rebuilding your life.

[calvarydothan.com/griefshare](http://calvarydothan.com/griefshare)

If you would like to help with either of these ministries, please contact the church office.

## Calvary Kids Ministry

We're almost there! Our team is nearly full, but we're still looking for a few more godly men and women to join our team to make disciples among our elementary boys and girls.

Kids Worship Leaders | Sundays at 10am

1st and 2nd Grade | Wednesday Evenings at 6pm

Reach out to Zach in person, email zach@calvarydothan.com, or call or text, 334-733-6326.

## Membership Matters

**Wednesday, August 17 | 6pm | Parlor**

If you are considering membership at Calvary, please join us for the Membership Matters class.

## Calvary Choir

**Wednesdays | 7pm | Choir Room**

If you are interested in being a part of Calvary's choir, join us starting this Wednesday, August 10. We are starting work on Christmas music, as well as other choral anthems to bring to worship each month. Childcare is available.

## D-Group Rally

**Sunday, August 14 | 5pm | Fellowship Center**

Come celebrate what God is doing through D-Groups! This event is for ALL men and women of Calvary. Childcare will be provided for babies through Kindergarten.

## Senior Adult Midmonth Worship & Lunch

**Thursday, August 18 | 11am | Sanctuary**

Lunch will be served in the Fellowship Center immediately following the service.

## Senior Adult Trip to Celebrators Conference

**October 10-13 | Pigeon Forge, TN**

Cost is \$375 per person and includes conference, lodging with breakfast, and transportation.

Deadline to register is Sunday, August 28. Contact the church office to register.

## Local Missions Opportunity

As the body of Christ, we have an opportunity to serve the neighbors of our city through the Love Dothan initiative. On Saturday, August 20, the opportunity to serve will benefit the residents of the Morris-Haven neighborhood (adjacent to the Houston County Farm Center). The coordination point will be the Houston County Farm Center. Work hours are 8:00-12:00. Cleanup will be the focus of our service. Bring tools such as chainsaws, pole saws, lawn mowers, string trimmers, hedge trimmers, pruning shears, rakes, and work gloves. If you or your Life Group are interested in volunteering, email tommy@calvarydothan.com or call the church office.

## American Red Cross Blood Drive

**Tuesday, August 25 | 2-6pm | Parlor**

Be the lifeline patients need by giving blood. To make an appointment to donate, visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org), enter your zip code, and look for the Calvary Baptist Church listing.

## enAble Volunteers Needed

enAble Ministry helps those with physical and mental disabilities. We offer a Sunday rotation schedule and we have respite care night once a month. Contact the church office to volunteer to help in this ministry or for more information.

This Wednesday night we kickoff a new teaching series – **EXODUS: The Person, Promise, and Power of God**. I can't wait to begin the sequel to Genesis as we delve into the grand story of God's deliverance of Israel.

Here's an excerpt of what Bobby Jamieson of Capitol Hill Baptist Church wrote about the value of preaching through Exodus:

### 1. Exodus broadcasts the name of God.

*In Exodus 3:14–15 God reveals to Moses his personal, proper name, YHWH. The Israelites already knew this name, but they didn't yet know what it meant. They didn't yet know the story this name would tell. But when God redeemed them, they'd know:*

*Say therefore to the people of Israel, "I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will deliver you from slavery to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great acts of judgment. I will take you to be my people, and I will be your God, and you shall know that I am the LORD your God, who has brought you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians."*

### 2. Exodus pivots on the promises of God.

*... when Exodus begins, with Israel sojourning in Egypt, God is fulfilling his promises (1:1–7). His people have been fruitful and multiplied; he has made Abraham into a great nation. And the rest of Exodus is a great ringing record of God keeping promise after promise (e.g., 2:23–25; 3:7–10; 3:12; 6:4; 12:40–41; 13:19).*

*One of the central challenges of the Christian life is the struggle to trust God's promises. Few things strengthen and sustain our faith like seeing God's "I will" become "I did."*

### 3. Exodus proclaims that true freedom is found in willing submission to God.

*One of the most devastating and deeply rooted lies in our culture is that "freedom from" is enough. We cherish freedom from tradition, from inhibition, from laws, from limits, from obligations, from nature. But true freedom always requires "freedom for." We are creatures with a purpose, a built-in end. True freedom is only found in willing submission to God.*

*God didn't set Israel free from slavery to Pharaoh so that they could then invent their own identities and design their own lifestyles. No, he set them free so that they would become his.*

### 4. The exodus is the definitive saving event of the Old Testament and a crucial key to the whole Bible.

*The exodus is the definitive paradigm of redemption in the whole Old Testament. Later events—like the entry into and conquest of the land—recapitulate it. The Psalms celebrate and reflect on it. The prophets predict a new exodus patterned after it (e.g., Isa 40:1–11). Crucial New Testament terms like "redemption" derive from the Exodus, when God rescued his people at the precisely calculated cost of one lamb per household (Exod 12:1–13).*

*God's entire plan of salvation is exodus-shaped. The whole of Scripture is exodus-shaped.*

I anticipate this becoming a great spiritual journey for us and I invite you to be part of it. I hope to see you this Wednesday at 6pm in the Sanctuary!

- Pastor Paul

## I WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT:

### My Decision Today:

I trusted Jesus as Savior.

I'd like to join Calvary Baptist Church.

I believe God is calling me into ministry/mission.

Please have a pastor or elder contact me.

If you would like to speak with someone about one of the items noted above, please visit the Next Steps Kiosk before you leave today.

### PRAYER REQUESTS:

Pastors & Prayer Team Only

Churchwide

## Connect Card

August 7, 2022

Please complete this tab, tear it off and drop it in an offering plate, or in the boxes by the exits.

- Please update my information
- Please contact me about membership

### I am a:

- First Time Guest
- Attender
- Member

Name

Address

City

State/Zip

Male  Female

Married  Single

Birthdate (mm/dd/yy)

Home Phone

Cell Phone

Spouse

Spouse's Birthdate (mm/dd/yy)

### Children:

Name / Date of Birth

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Please complete the additional information on the back of this tab, if applicable.

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### I'm New Here

To fill out a digital Connect Card or learn more about Calvary, please use your smartphone camera to scan the QR Code.

### How to Become a Christian


Want more information about how to become a Christian? Go to [calvarydothan.com/become-a-christian/](http://calvarydothan.com/become-a-christian/).

If you would like to view a pdf of today's sermon notes, go to [calvarydothan.com/podcast](http://calvarydothan.com/podcast) or use Calvary's Church by MinistryOne app.

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### FIRST TIME GUEST?

We're so glad you've joined us for worship today and would love to be able to share more with you about our church. Please fill out the Connect Card to the left and place it in one of the offering plates when they are passed. Be sure to stop by our Next Steps kiosk after the service for a gift from us!

### THE PEOPLE CAME...

**July 24**  
 Life Groups: 468  
 10:00 Worship: 566  
 Hispanic Church: 110  
 Grace City Church (NY): 30

**July 31**  
 Life Groups: 484  
 10:00 Worship: 542  
 Hispanic Church: 111  
 Grace City Church (NY): 30

### THE PEOPLE GAVE...

**General Fund**  
 Given July 31: \$63,813.23  
 Y-T-D Budget  
 Surplus (Deficit): (\$10,023.58)

### DAILY SCRIPTURE READING

**Sunday, August 7:**  
 Dt 25, Ps 116, Is 52, Rev 22

**Monday, August 8:**  
 Dt 26, Ps 117-118, Is 53, Mt 1

**Tuesday, August 9:**  
 Dt 27:1-28:19, Ps 119:1-24, Is 54, Mt 2

**Wednesday, August 10:**  
 Dt 28:20-68, Ps 119:25-48, Is 55, Mt 3

**Thursday, August 11:**  
 Dt 29, Ps 119:49-72, Is 56, Mt 4

**Friday, August 12:**  
 Dt 30, Ps 119:73-96, Is 57, Mt 5

**Saturday, August 13:**  
 Dt 31, Ps 119:97-120, Is 58, Mt 6

### Midweek Schedule

6:00pm Midweek Worship, Sanctuary  
 Preschool, Birth-K5, Preschool Building  
 Children, Grades 1-5, ROC  
 Students, Grades 6-12, Student Room

### 4 Ways to Give

- Give online by going to [calvarydothan.com/give-online/](http://calvarydothan.com/give-online/).
- On Sundays, drop in the offering plate or in the collection boxes near the Fellowship Center exit doors.
- Mail to 901 Montezuma Avenue, Dothan, AL 36303
- Bring to the church office, M-F, 8am-12noon & 1-4:30pm

### Ministry Staff

Paul Thompson.....Senior Pastor  
 Charles Uptain.....Executive Pastor  
 Dan Tankersley.....Discipleship  
 Patrick Lima.....Worship  
 Tommy Perry.....Missions

### STAFF ON CALL

**Sunday, August 7:**  
 Randy Hunt | 334-791-7986

**Saturday, August 13:**  
 Charles Uptain | 334-797-7191

**Sunday, August 14:**  
 Reagan Farris | 504-319-6986

### SERMON SCHEDULE

**Wednesday, August 10 | 6pm**  
*The Exodus: The Person, Promise, and Power of God*  
 Exodus 1: The Rise of Israel  
 Message by Paul Thompson

**Sunday, August 14 | 10am**  
*Acts: The Reasonable Word*  
 Acts 17:1-15  
 Message by Paul Thompson

**Wednesday, August 17 | 6pm**  
*The Exodus: The Person, Promise, and Power of God*  
 Exodus 2: The Birth of a Savior  
 Message by Paul Thompson

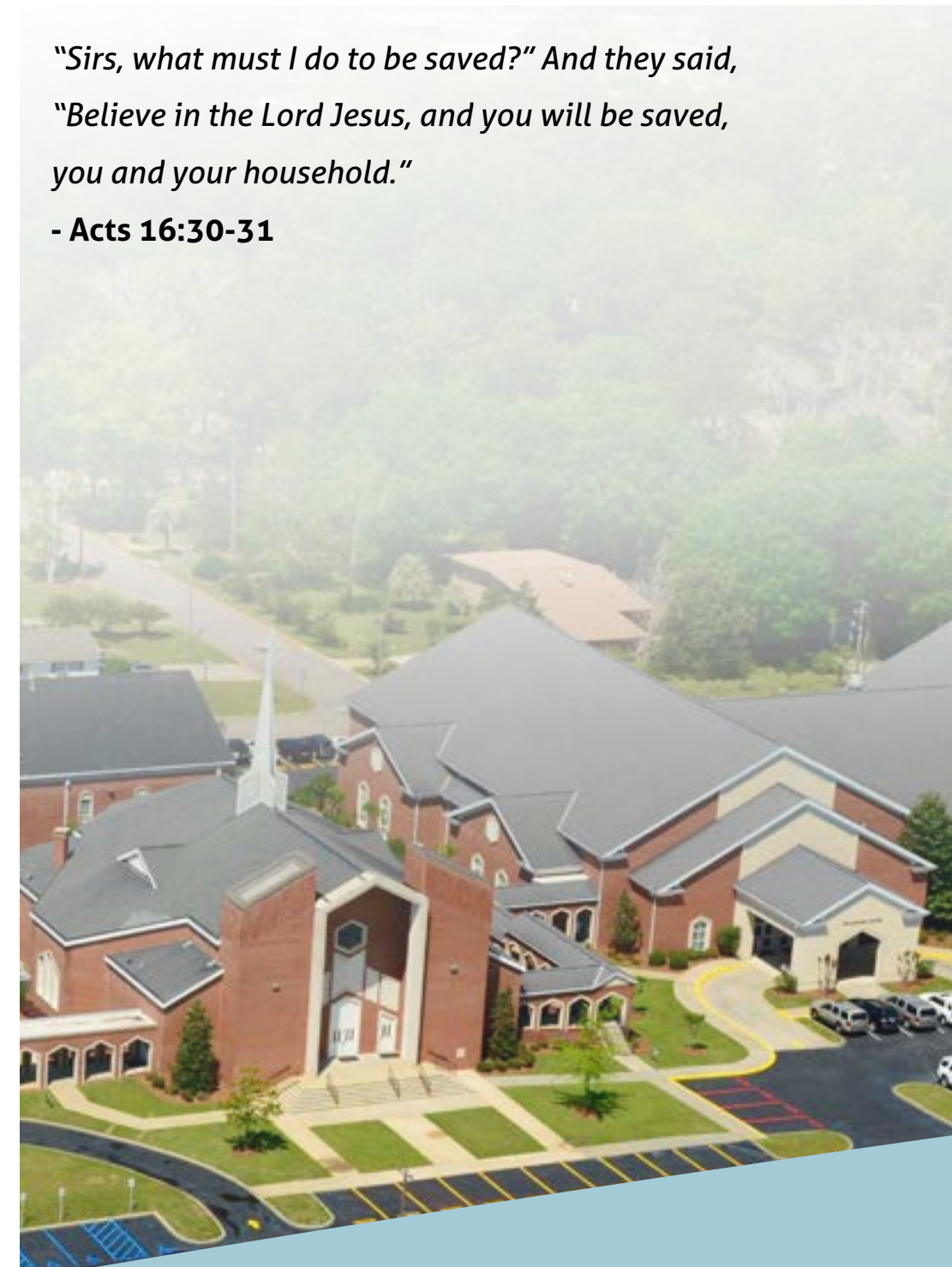
**Sunday, August 21 | 10am**  
*Acts: Paul at Mars Hill*  
 Acts 17:16-34  
 Message by Paul Thompson

### Sunday Morning Schedule

8:00am Call to Prayer, Sanctuary  
 8:30am Life Group  
 10:00am Worship, Fellowship Center  
 Kid's Worship, Grades 1-5, Chapel (except 1st Sunday)  
 11:00am Worship Broadcast on JoyFM 94.3/96.1 with a 1 wk delay.

"Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" And they said,  
 "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved,  
 you and your household."

- Acts 16:30-31



WELCOME TO  
  
**Calvary**  
 BAPTIST CHURCH