

When Life Seems Unlivable

PERSONAL APPLICATION

Review the main lesson outline briefly

- Do you struggle with self confidence because of past failures? What assumed failure in your life gives you the most trouble? Why? What can you do to allow God to give you victory over this and move on?

PRIVATE MEDITATION

Read the Scripture and identify 1 thought to take with you for that day
Write down your daily thought under each day

Monday – Acts 16:16-36

Thought:

Tuesday – James 1:2-4

Thought:

Wednesday – Philippians 4:6-7

Thought:

Thursday – Philippians 2:13, Romans 8:38-39

Thought:

Friday – 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Thought:

Saturday – Numbers 11:14-15

“Moses”

“I’m All Alone!”

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I Feel Like a Failure

Acts 16:16-36

“The Philippian Jailor”

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I Feel Like a Failure

Acts 16:16-36

Intro: 36,000 commit suicide annually, 374,000 try unsuccessfully (Center for disease control report, "Understanding Suicide Fact Sheet 2012).

I. Difficulty is a part of life – James 1:2-4; Luke 22:44;

Isaiah 53:3

II. God will give peace in spite of difficulty – John 16:33

III. The Philippian Jailor – Acts 16:16-36

• **What caused his suicidal attempt?**

- ❖ **His perception of success was defined by his outward circumstances** – Acts 16:23-24, Philippians 4:6-7
- ❖ **He thought he was in control of his success** – Acts 16:24 (Philippians 3:24, Acts 17:24-28; Philippians 2:13, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18).
- ❖ **He thought he was a failure because of a personal mistake** – Acts 16:26-27 (Romans 8:38-39; Matthew 9:10-13; Galatians 1:20-24).

• **What happened that stopped him?**

- ❖ **He witnessed real Christianity** – Acts 16:25
 1. Their praise was not changed by their problems
 2. Their purpose was more important than personal gain
 3. Their compassion for this man was more important than their own comfort.
- ❖ **He personally experienced Christianity** – Acts 16:29-36

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