

A close-up photograph of several hands holding lit white candles against a dark background. The flames are bright and glowing, casting a warm light on the hands and the surrounding area. The focus is sharp on the hands and the candles, with a slight blur in the background.

**Giving Thanks in the Dark**  
Acts 16:22-30

# The Trial (vs 22-24)

**Pressure** – *“the crowd rose up together against them”*

**Persecution** – *“the chief magistrates tore their robes off them and proceeded to order them to be beaten with rods”*

**Pain** – *“struck them with many blows . . . threw them into the inner prison . . . fastened their feet in the stocks.”*

# The Thanksgiving

*“But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns of praise to God . . .”*

Suffering -

- Brings us closer to Jesus
- Helps us grow in Jesus
- Glorifies Jesus
- Helps us minister to others for Jesus
- Will be rewarded by Jesus
- Brings others to Jesus



# **The Testimony (vs 25b-30)**

**God began to work in the lives of others**

**God began to work in their circumstances**

**God began to work in their ministry**

A close-up photograph of several hands holding lit white candles against a dark background. The flames are bright and glowing, casting a warm light on the hands and the surrounding area. The focus is on the hands and the candles, with the background being mostly black.

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