God Goes Public With Jesus
(God's Response to Counterattack)

Acts 16:25-40
25 About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were
listening to them. 26 Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were
shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone's chains came loose. 27 The jailer woke up, and
when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the
prisoners had escaped. 28 But Paul shouted, "Don't harm yourself! We are all here!" 29 The jailer called for
lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. 30 He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what
must I do to be saved?" 31 They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your
household." 32 Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. 33 At that hour of
the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his household were
baptized. 34 The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because
he had come to believe in God—he and his whole household. 35 When it was daylight, the magistrates sent
their officers to the jailer with the order: "Release those men." 36 The jailer told Paul, "The magistrates have
ordered that you and Silas be released. Now you can leave. Go in peace." 37 But Paul said to the officers: "They
beat us publicly without a trial, even though we are Roman citizens, and threw us into prison. And now do they
want to get rid of us quietly? No! Let them come themselves and escort us out." 38 The officers reported this to
the magistrates, and when they heard that Paul and Silas were Roman citizens, they were alarmed. 39 They
came to appease them and escorted them from the prison, requesting them to leave the city. 40 After Paul and
Silas came out of the prison, they went to Lydia's house, where they met with the brothers and sisters and
encouraged them. Then they left.

God goes public with Jesus…

1. …through love for the name of Jesus demonstrated in the suffering of his servants

Acts 5:40-41
40 His speech persuaded them. They called the apostles in and had them flogged. Then they ordered them not
to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. 41 The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had
been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name.

Philippians 3:7-8
7 But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. 8 What is more, I consider everything
a loss compared to the surpassing greatness (worth) of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have
lost all things. I consider them rubbish (garbage), that I may gain Christ

2. …through the power of the name of Jesus demonstrated in the miraculous intervention on behalf of his servants

Acts 3:13,16
13 The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus... 16 By faith in
the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that
comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see.

Acts 4:7-11
7 …"By what power or what name did you do this?" 8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them:
"Rulers and elders of the people! 9 If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, 10 then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed.

Acts 4:24-30
…Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus…

Exodus 9:16
…I have raised you up for this very purpose, that I might show you my power and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth.

Psalm 106:8
Yet he saved them for his name's sake, to make his mighty power known.

Jeremiah 10:6
No one is like you, LORD; you are great, and your name is mighty in power.

3. …through joy in the name of Jesus demonstrated in the transformation of people's lives through his servants (in the very place of the counterattack)

Philippians 1:12-14
12 Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel. 13 As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. 14 And because of my chains, most of the brothers and sisters have become confident in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the gospel without fear.

Luke 21:12-13
12 "But before all this, they will seize you and persecute you. They will hand you over to synagogues and put you in prison, and you will be brought before kings and governors, and all on account of my name. 13 And so you will bear testimony to me.