

# JESUS IS BIGGER THAN MY STATUS

April 26, 2020

Acts 16:14-40

I. \_\_\_\_\_ can't replace my need for Jesus. – v. 14-15

It's hard to trust in Jesus \_\_\_\_\_.

*No matter my success* \_\_\_\_\_.

II. \_\_\_\_\_ can't disqualify me from the love of Jesus. – v. 16-23

Despite what you have done or what has been done to you – \_\_\_\_\_.

*No matter the sin in my past,*\_\_\_\_\_.

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When have differences between you and someone else in the church made it difficult for you to have a loving relationship with them as a brother or sister in Christ? What did you or can you do to love them like Jesus despite your differences? What scripture can you cite that can help us come together in Christ rather than based on our statuses?

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### 3. APPLY THE TRUTH

Who in your life believes they are beyond the love of Jesus or the need for Jesus because of their status? What status is blocking them from Jesus and how can you help them to see the truth? What verses can you share with them? How can you pray for them? How can you share your faith story with them to help them believe in Jesus?

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## SMALL GROUP APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Regardless of my success, sin or shortcomings – Jesus loves me and calls me.

### 1. STUDY THE SCRIPTURE

Read Acts 16:14-40. Compare and contrast Lydia, the slave girl and the jailer. How were they different? How were they the same? How did this impact how Paul and Jesus related to them?

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Think about the makeup of the Philippian church after these three conversions. In any other arena of life, these three people would never associate with one another; let alone be family. What does this teach us about the church and the Gospel? How does this impact how we live together as the family of God (both good and bad)?

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### 2. ASSESS YOUR LIFE

If you are a follower of Jesus, how does your status (success, sin, or shortcomings) sometimes interfere with your worship of and relationship with Jesus? If you are not a follower of Jesus, how is your status blocking you from believing in Jesus?

III. \_\_\_\_\_ can't shake my hope in Jesus. – v. 24-40

*No matter my shortcomings,\_\_\_\_\_.*

**MY \_\_\_\_\_ NEVER POSITIONS ME  
BEYOND THE LOVE OF THE \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Stewardship Report:**  
Last Week: \$6,452.00  
This Month: \$35,414.00  
Last Month: \$35,127.00  
Monthly Budget: \$23,915.00



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