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msaada si madhara

MATENDO 16:16-34

wewe kuficha hisia ya upungufu nyuma ujasiri kujihami. Na kadhalika na kadhalika. hali ya ndani wewe kuishia na ni ngome-kama jambo la kuweka, ndani ukuta, ukuta wa nje, moat, ambayo wima awali kuwa ngome ya kuweka adui nje lakini ambayo zamu katika gereza ambapo kuwa askari wa gereza na hivyo adui yako. Ni mnyonge na upweke mahali. Huwezi kuwa nini unataka kuwa huko au kufanya mambo unataka kufanya ... Kwa bahati nzuri kuna maneno mawili ambayo kutoa njia ya nje, na wao ni tu hizi: Nisaidie — Frederick Buechner (1988).

Matendo 9:1 Sauli "akizidi kutisha na kuwaza kuwaua wanafunzi wa Bwana." Sauli ni "ravaging kanisa" (8: 3) kwa kuingia nyumba na kukokota wanafunzi, akawatia gerezani, au hata mbali zaidi kuliko ile ya kuidhinisha nod Sauli kama shahidi wa kwanza, Stephen, kwa mawe (8: 1). Luka rangi Sauli katika kama menacing mwanga iwezekanavyo. Ni jambo la kuvutia kufuatilia, jinsi Stefanu sala ya mwisho kwa msamaha wa wauaji wake hivi karibuni nguvuni Sauli uwezekano pia. Je, unaweza kufikiria msukosuko Paulo ndani pamoja Damascus barabara? Je, mimi kuwa adhabu? Nitapewa neema? Wakati mwingine wito wa kuwa mwanafunzi beckons sisi pia katika hatima uhakika— Jay Wilson (2016).

amu kubwa ya Paulo ili kulinda na kuhifadhi utukufu wa Mungu ilisababisha harakati yake mkereketwa wa wale ambao kudhoofisha ukweli alijua sheria na manabii. Lakini upendo wa Kristo kusimamishwa kwake akielekea Dameski na kumweka badala barabarani ili kusaidia-bila madhara.

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Help Not Harm

ACTS 16:16-34

You conceal your sense of inadequacy behind a defensive bravado. And so on and so forth. The inner state you end up with is a castle-like affair of keep, inner wall, outer wall, moat, which you erect originally to be a fortress to keep the enemy out but which turns into a prison where you become the jailer and thus your own enemy. It is a wretched and lonely place. You can't be what you want to be there or do what you want to do... Fortunately there are two words that offer a way out, and they're simply these: Help me. — Frederick Buechner (1988).

Acts 9:1 Saul "still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord." Saul is "ravaging the church" (8:3) by entering homes and dragging disciples off to prison, or even farther than that to Saul's approving nod as the first martyr, Stephen, was stoned (8:1). Luke's paints Saul in as menacing a light as possible. It is interesting to trace, how Stephen's last prayer for forgiveness of his murderers would soon lay hold on the unlikely Saul as well. Can you imagine Paul's inner turmoil along the Damascus road? Will I be punished? Will I be given grace? Sometimes the call of discipleship beckons us also into uncertain futures. - Jay Wilson (2016).

Paul's great desire to protect and preserve the glory of GOD prompted his ardent pursuit of those who would undermine the truth he knew from the law and prophets. But the love of Christ stopped him on his way to Damascus and set him instead on a road to help—without harm.

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hadithi ya wokovu wa Mungu wenye nguvu.

Paul alijaribu kusaidia sababu Mungu na kuathiri watu.

Wale walio katika mamlaka anashikilia mbinu ya Paulo.

Alikuwa kweli kutesa Yesu. Matendo 9: 4-5

Katika Matendo 16, Paulo uzoefu watumwa na vurugu.

Paul ambaye amejeruhiwa lakini si kusimamishwa.

Kama wao walitaka Bwana, wengine kupatikana kwako

Wale ambao yatolewayo madhara kupokea msaada.

Paul alikuwa akifanya kazi na kuacha Kanisa.

Yesu alitumia Paul kuleta wengine wokovu.

Je, sisi kusaidia watu hatari kupata Yesu?

Wapi Mimi vipofu na mahitaji mmoja?

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This is a story of God's powerful salvation.

Paul tried to help God's cause by harming people.

Those in authority affirmed Paul's methods.

He was actually persecuting Jesus. Acts 9:4-5

In Acts 16, Paul experienced bondage and violence.

As Jesus' follower, Paul was hurt, but not stopped.

As the two sought the Lord's help, they offered help.

Those who inflicted harm received help.

Paul had been working to stop the Church.

Jesus used him instead to help many find salvation.

Are we helping dangerous people find Jesus?

What blind spot needs healing for me to help others?