Vision 2018
By Impacting Individuals and Families
Acts 16:9-40

Our vision is to be a welcoming, Christ-centered community
that glorifies God
by impacting individuals and families
near and far.

Principle #1: We impact people when we deliberately seek out people in whom God is already at work.

13 On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected
to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who
had gathered there.

Principles #2: Impacting people may make life very difficult for us.

22 The crowd joined in the attack against Paul and Silas, and the magistrates
ordered them to be stripped and beaten with rods. 23 After they had been severely
flogged, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was commanded to guard
them carefully.

Principles #3: We impact people when we prayerfully depend on God despite difficulties.

25 About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the
other prisoners were listening to them.

Principles #4: We impact people forever when we help them find and follow Jesus.

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.

Question #1: Do we deliberately seek to impact people for Jesus?

"A disciple is a follower of Jesus who is getting to know Him, is being changed by Him, and is committing to His mission."

Question #2: What keeps us from deliberately seeking to impact people for Jesus?

I'm no longer a slave to fear. I am a child of God!
You split the sea, so I could walk right through it.
My fears were drowned in perfect love!
You rescued me, so I could stand and sing,
"I am a child of God!"

For Personal Reflection and Discussion:
What experiences have I had of impacting individuals and families for good and for God? What distracts me from deliberately seeking to impact people for Jesus? What will I do to renew my commitment to joining Jesus in His mission?

Next Sunday:
In an exciting worship experience for the whole family, one we're calling "Generations Sunday," Pastor Craig will help us explore the final three words of Vision 2018: "Near and Far." Pray that God will open our eyes to see our local community and world the way He does.