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### THINKING FORWARD

Be careful that you remember last year right

Philippians 3:13

"But one thing I do, forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead I press on to the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Jesus Christ."

#### Acts 16:9

During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us."

### Acts 16:14

"One of those listening was a woman from the city of Thyatira named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message."

# Acts 16:22-23

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

### Acts 16:25

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

## DON'T REMEMBER ALL THE THINGS THAT HAVE GONE WRONG

- Recall what has gone right
- Paul learnt the secret of mastering his memory

# Philippians 1:3

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy."

### 1 Thessalonions 2:1-2

"For you yourselves know, brothers, that our coming to you was not in vain. But though we had already suffered and been shamefully treated at Philippi, as you know, we had boldness in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in the midst of much conflict."

# THE MIRACLE WAS NOT WHAT HAPPENED AT MIDNIGHT

- It was what happened after midnight.
- The spectacular happened at midnight but the work of the spirit happened afterwards.
- Paul did not come to Philippi to get out of prison for his own safety, but he came to philippi to bring in the Gospel of God!

# **GOD IS WRITING YOUR STORY**

