



Fire-Breathing Dragon

In a recurring dream a young executive was pursued by a fire-breathing dragon. Feeling the hot breath of the beast on his neck, the man collapsed from exhaustion. He turned to face the dragon and screamed, “What are you going to do to me?”

The dragon replied, “I don’t know young man. It’s your dream!”

Life really is what we make of it, isn’t it?

God has given us the ability to choose how it shall be.

The same sunlight that hardens clay will melt butter. The same fire that consumes wood will purify gold or silver. Jesus Christ Himself said that every one of us will have trouble, the question is: “What will I do with my adversity?”

John Maxwell puts it this way, “It’s not what happens *to* you, but what happens *in* you.”

Jesus explains that though we have challenges, we can face the future with confidence, knowing He’s blazed the trail for us through a forest of troubles.

Remember, *Life Matters*, and so do you.

Acts 16:23-34

After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully. Upon receiving such orders, he put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everybody's chains came loose. 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. But Paul shouted, "Don't harm yourself! We are all here!" The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved--you and your household." Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his family were baptized. 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 family.