

**Victory Connect Lesson**  
**Developing a Deeper Faith**  
**Pastor Paul Daugherty**  
**April 6, 2025**

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**2. From the darkness of prison John asked who Jesus was.** Mat 11:3 NET - "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?"

**Three spiritual "prisons" and the keys to freedom:**

**1. Prison of disappointment. Key: Trust God is working for you because there are things you just do not know.**

Rom 8:28 NET - And we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose, Deu 29:29a NLT - "The LORD our God has secrets known to no one...

**2. Prison of offense at God. Key: Cast down vain negative thoughts against God.** 2Co 10:5 KJV - Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

**3. Prison of unbelief. Key: Esteem the eternal Word greater than contrary circumstances.** 1Pe 1:24b,25a KJV...The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away::25 But the word of the Lord endureth for ever...

**Discussion Questions:**

1. Have you ever asked "God, where are you?"
2. Share a time you realized you were offended at God?
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