## When pigs fly - Week 3 - When God steps in and when He doesn't (PROTECTION)

## **Getting started**

When's the last time you had a near miss in life? (Maybe avoiding an accident or a parking ticket??!! Maybe you dodged a bullet with something?)

## Getting stuck in

We can all find ourselves in tricky situations when we pray something like, 'Lord, get me out of here!!' Share some of your experiences with this.....

- When has God stepped into your tricky situation and it felt like a miracle?
- · Have there been times you felt like He didn't step in?
- · Why is this so hard to reconcile do you think?

Read the story we looked at on Sunday from Acts 16 v. 16-34

- What led up to Paul and Silas being thrown in prison?
- If it was you how might you have responded to this situation?
- The fact they were worshipping at midnight is so powerful....why?
- What can we learn from this story do you think?

Open up discussion around the principles shared on Sunday... Sometimes prevention is Gods means of protection Sometimes God doesn't protect you because He wants you to grow Sometimes before you face a problem God already has a plan Sometimes Gods eternal purposes don't align with your temporary plans

Which of these means the most to you at the moment and why?
Finish by praying for each other and asking for God to step into our situations...
Then spend some time praying for trust while we wait.....

## Going deeper

Read Daniel 3 v. 16-18

• Why is this one of the most powerful statements about faith in the whole Bible? Search the scriptures for other references to trust when God doesn't appear to step in...

