

SCCC – A SPECIAL PLACE TO BE

S - Scriptures

“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.” Acts 16: 13

C – Consideration

Paul and Silas arrived in Philippi, in Macedonia. Days before, he had a vision, where they understood a call from the Lord, which they were to travel to that region and shared the gospel to those who had never heard it. In obedience to the vision, they were seeking the Lord’s direction of how they would establish a church in the place. It seemed that the town didn’t have a quiet place where they could pray, therefore, they went outside, in the countryside seeking a place to pray. They had already seen the challenges in the city, and they had to bring them in prayer before God. Surprisingly, the place they found to pray was the place where the Lord showed them the first disciples from the town.

C – Commitment

How many times we are facing challenges, and trying to understand God’s will in the place where He has sent us on a mission. I remembered when I went to an island in the middle of the Atlantic on a mission. We saw the need of the people who were suffering under satanic oppression. They had not yet heard the gospel. We had such opposition and it seemed almost impossible to share the good news with them. But I knew that God had sent us there. I called my wife and we both climbed a hill out of the village, and there, in that solitary place, we both spent one hour in prayer. As we came down the hill, a man asked me if I could come and visit his family. We entered the house, and shared the gospel with them all. I baptized his father, and the following day we had a meeting attended by almost thirty people. When things look difficult, when problems look too big, when obstacles look unbearable, we must look for a place of prayer. There God will meet us, will give us peace, and will redirect our plans into his plans.

C – Call

My God, we are in the midst of so many distractions of our days, even inside of our own homes, with floods of information, some false, some true. As a result, many times frustration, anger, despair, and other feelings inundate my soul. Help me to find the place of prayer; a place outside the city’s gate, where I can be alone with You. There, I will share my fears and my questions. As I would pray, let me see and understand Your purpose, so I would walk on the right track, and in the center of Your will. In Jesus’ name, I pray. Amen