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There's Power in Your Praise

ACTS 16:22–34 • NRSV

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THE BIG IDEA God is worthy of our praise in every season, and our faith can help others discover His goodness.

FROM THE SERMON / 3 BIBLICAL TRUTHS

1 Praise Is a Choice, Not Just a Feeling

Acts 16:25 — Beaten and imprisoned, Paul and Silas chose to pray and sing. Their worship was rooted in who God is, not how they felt.

2 Praise Changes the Atmosphere Before It Changes the Circumstances

Acts 16:25–26 — The prisoners heard worship before the doors opened. Praise can change our focus even before our situation changes.

3 Your Praise Can Become Somebody Else's Breakthrough

Acts 16:27–34 — Paul cared for the jailer rather than escaping. The jailer heard the gospel, believed in Jesus, and his household was baptized.

3 THINGS TO CARRY WITH YOU / IN EVERYDAY WORDS

01 Praise God anyway.
You can thank God even when life is hard.

02 Look toward God, not just the problem.
Remember His goodness while you wait.

03 Let others see your faith.
Your words and actions may give someone hope.

GO DEEPER THIS WEEK

PAUSE & REFLECT

1. What makes praising God difficult for you right now?
2. Where have you seen God's faithfulness lately?

OPEN YOUR BIBLE

1. Read Acts 16:25. What did Paul and Silas do in prison?
2. Read Acts 16:27–34. How did the jailer's life change?

FAITH IN ACTION

Each morning, thank God for one specific blessing before making any requests. Share one example of His goodness with someone this week.

PRAY IT *Lord, help me praise You in difficult moments, trust Your faithfulness, and point others to Jesus. Amen.*

TAKE THIS WITH YOU **My circumstances may change, but God's faithfulness remains.**