

Praise | Transformed

WEEK FIVE | PASTOR BEN JOHNSTON

They praised God for who He is, not for what He could do. Acts 16:23-26 (TPT)

KNOW

Revelation 5:8-13

- ◇ Praise is about exalting, about magnifying the person of Jesus.

Worship = Worth

- ◇ You will praise the Lord in direct proportion to what you think of Him.
- ◇ Your perspective can either be on your prison or it can be on your praise.
- ◇ When you get into the presence of God, it puts problems into perspective.

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- ◇ Paul and Silas praised God before they saw the miracle.

Judah = Praise

Praise produced possibilities.

SCRIPTURES

John 4:23 (ESV)
 Acts 16:23-26 (TPT)
 Revelation 5:8-13
 Psalm 100:4
 Psalm 149 (TPT)
 Acts 16:27-34 (TPT)

QUOTE

“Paul and Silas weren’t trying to break out. But when they began to praise, God broke in”

- Pastor Ben Johnston

WARM-UP | Getting Started

What are you thankful for?

GROW | Dive Deeper

1. What do you notice about Paul and Silas' attitude while in prison? How can their response encourage us when we face challenging situations?
2. Read the following verses together. Discuss.
 - John 4:23
 - Acts 16:23-26
 - Revelation 5:8-13
 - Psalm 100:4
 - Psalm 149
 - Acts 16:27-34
3. Paul and Silas praised God before they saw the miracle. What role does faith play in our praise?
4. Pastor Ben said, "Praise shifts our minds off the problem in front of us and onto God's power to sustain us." What are some hindrances to praise? What steps can we take to prioritize praise in our lives?
5. Share prayer requests with each other and take time to praise God together for the answer.

GO | Apply

Pastor Ben stressed the importance of praising God in the midst of trials. Take time this week to carefully prepare a "Praise Playlist" on whatever music platform you have available (i.e. Spotify). Listen to it each day for the next week, and take notice of your interactions with others.

Do you notice a difference? Be prepared to share next week.

