

Radiant Church | Pastor Michael Popenhagen

The Heart of Worship
Part 2 | The Effects of Worship
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Acts 16:23-31 (NIV)

After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully. When he received these orders, he put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone's chains came loose. The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted, "Don't harm yourself! We are all here!" The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household."

I. WORSHIP ENLARGES OUR VIEW OF GOD IN DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES

Psalm 43:5

*Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me?
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.*

II. WORSHIP RESULTS IN FREEDOM FOR OTHERS

III. WORSHIP PRODUCES UNEXPECTED OUTCOMES

Psalm 57:6-9 (MSG)

*They booby-trapped my path; I thought I was dead and done for.
They dug a mantrap to catch me, and fell in headlong themselves.
I'm ready, God, so ready, ready from head to toe,
Ready to sing, ready to raise a tune:
"Wake up, soul!
Wake up, harp! wake up, lute!
Wake up, you sleepy head sun!"
I'm thanking you, God, out loud in the streets,
Singing your praises in town and country*