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### **Living With Gratitude: I Will Praise The Lord**

#### **Something Happens When God's People Praise Him In Their Storms**

**Psalm 34** - *Oh, praise the Lord, all you servants of the Lord, you who serve at night in the house of the Lord. <sup>2</sup> Lift your hands toward the sanctuary, and praise the Lord. <sup>3</sup> May the Lord, who made heaven and earth, bless you from Jerusalem.*

#### **Every Day We're Called To Make The Choice To Fill Our Hearts With Praise For God**

**Luke 22:15** - *Jesus said, "I have been very eager to eat this Passover meal with you before my suffering begins."*

**Matthew 26:30** - *Then they sang a hymn and went out to the Mount of Olives.*

#### **THE MIDNIGHT HOUR**

**Acts 16:16-24** - *One day as we were going down to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit that enabled her to tell the future. She earned a lot of money for her masters by telling fortunes. <sup>17</sup> She followed Paul and the rest of us, shouting, "These men are servants of the Most High God, and they have come to tell you how to be saved." <sup>18</sup> This went on day after day until Paul got so exasperated that he turned and said to the demon within her, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And instantly it left her. <sup>19</sup> Her masters' hopes of wealth were now shattered, so they grabbed Paul and Silas and dragged them before the authorities at the marketplace. <sup>20</sup> "The whole city is in an uproar because of these Jews!" they shouted to the city officials. <sup>21</sup> "They are teaching customs that are illegal for us Romans to practice." <sup>22</sup> A mob quickly formed against Paul and Silas, and the city officials ordered them stripped and beaten with wooden rods. <sup>23</sup> They were severely beaten, and then they were thrown into prison. The jailer was ordered to make sure they didn't escape. <sup>24</sup> So the jailer put them into the inner dungeon and clamped their feet in the stocks.*

**Acts 16:25-26** - *Around midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening. <sup>26</sup> Suddenly, there was a massive earthquake, and the prison was shaken to its foundations. All the doors immediately flew open, and the chains of every prisoner fell off!*

**Job 35:10** - *Yet they don't ask, 'Where is God my Creator, the one who gives songs in the night?'*

## **When You're In Pain, Midnight Isn't The Easiest Time To Worship**

**Psalms 42:8** - *But each day the Lord pours his unfailing love upon me, and through each night I sing his songs, praying to God who gives me life.*

## **Singing In Spite Of Our Circumstances Brings A Sense Of Peace And Victory**

## **God Will Often Use A Natural Force In A Supernatural Way To Shake You Up**