



WHAT'S THE VOLUME OF YOUR PRAISE?

ACTS 16: 25-40

Here we see Paul and Silas are put in jail because they chased an evil spirit in a girl that was allowing her to tell the future and make money for the people she was working for. Now once in Jail, the Bible says in verse 25, that about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing praises to God, while the other prisoners were listening.

Here the emphasis is on the fact that while they were praising, the Bible says "The other prisoners were listening" and this can teach us a few things. One being that they were not the only ones in prison.

The same thing can happen to us as Christians when we find ourselves in the same situation or problems as others but the one thing that sets us apart from the rest is our ATTITUDE.

The other thing we can get from this is that their prayer and praise must have been LOUD enough for the other prisoners to hear them. Now, my question to you today is "how high is the volume of your prayer and praise" when you go through tough times?



Often times than most, we easily tend to decrease the intensity and volume of our praise when things are tough but the truth is that the more volume and intensity of our praise, the easier it will be for those around us to be impacted and to testify to our God when the miracle comes. Reason why we need to be bold in our faith and in the way we express it because other people's deliverance depends on it as it was the case for all the other prisoners whose chains also fell off due to Paul and Silas' praise.



All in all, it is important to be sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit. From the beginning of this chapter alone, we can notice Paul's sensitivity to the Spirit of God so much so that when they were released from their chains, He did not choose to rush out of prison because he understood that what God also wanted was the good of the jailer and his family. He knew that if they left immediately the jailer would kill himself and so he then sacrificed his freedom for the freedom of the jailer and understood that God wanted to show his power not only to deliver them but also for the salvation of the souls around them.

God always does one thing to unleash another so never just expect your own restoration but expect your restoration to restore others as well. Just as Jesus was explaining to the Samaritan woman in John 4: 13-14, that the water He will give Her will not just quench Her thirst but it will become a gushing fountain, springing up to others; so are we called to satisfy others through our restoration.

PRAYER

Father with all my heart and passion I will thank you; my God!

I will give glory to your name, always and forever! You love me so much and you placed your greatness upon me.

You rescued me from the deepest place of darkness, and you have delivered me from a death.

Let your name be magnified in my life and in the lives of others around me as I increase the Volume of my Praise to your name,

In Jesus name Amen

