



*Plug Into the Power
of
Praise 2*

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Praise



Praise

- *Powerful-*
 - *Never leaves situation the same*
- *Positive-*
 - *Hard to praise and pout at same time*
- *Predictor-*
 - *It effectively predicts the outcome*
- *Productive-*
 - *It can do what nothing else can...*

We Plug Into.....

Focus

...Gets Our Focus Off Ourselves... Back On God

- When We Get Eyes on Self... "Hurt" is Magnified*
- When Our Eyes are On Him ... "Hope" is Magnified*

He is Worthy of Our Praise...

...No Matter What We Face From Day to Day

...Brings Us to a Place of Humility

- We remember our dependency on God, as we acknowledge our need for Him.*
- As we praise Him as Creator/ King of this world...
...we recognize that we're not in control, but He is!*

Force

...Makes the Enemy Flee

- *It pushes back the darkness that surrounds*
- *Evil will not stick around if we're praising our God...
...who will fight our battles for us*

...Leaves No Room For Complaining and Negativity

- *Sometimes Problems Overwhelm Us*
- *Prayers Become Complaints*
- *Problems Become Set In*

Praise Reminds Us Of...

- *What He Has Already Done In Our Lives.*
- *He Can Do It Again*

A wooden bridge with a railing, extending into the distance over a river. The bridge is made of weathered wood and has a simple railing. The background is a dense forest of green trees. The lighting is soft, suggesting a late afternoon or early morning setting. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

You can't make God move in
your life, but you can make room
for God to move in your life.

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You can't make God move in

Praise Makes Room For God's Blessings Over Our Lives

- **He Will Not Hold Back His Goodness,**
- **Praise Opens the Gateway of Blessing as we Come into His Presence**

*"Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!" Psa. 100:4*

*"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us with all spiritual blessings in
heavenly places in Christ:" Eph. 1:3*



A King's Invitation



...Praise Invites His Presence

- God dwells close to us when we praise Him
 - He lives there
 - He looks for it

"He inhabits the praises of His people." Psa. 22:3

"But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that you should show forth the praises of him who has called you out of darkness into his marvelous light;"

1 Pet. 2:9



REVIVE US AGAIN

...Our Spirits are Refreshed and Renewed in His Presence

- We're strengthened by His peace and refueled by His joy.

Through a Heart of Praise...

**...We Realize that God Doesn't Just Change Our Situations
...and Work Through Our Problems,
...He Changes Our Hearts.**

"In His presence, there is fullness of joy." Psa. 16:11

"Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you.

I will praise you as long as I live,

and in your name I will lift up my hands." Psa. 63:3-4

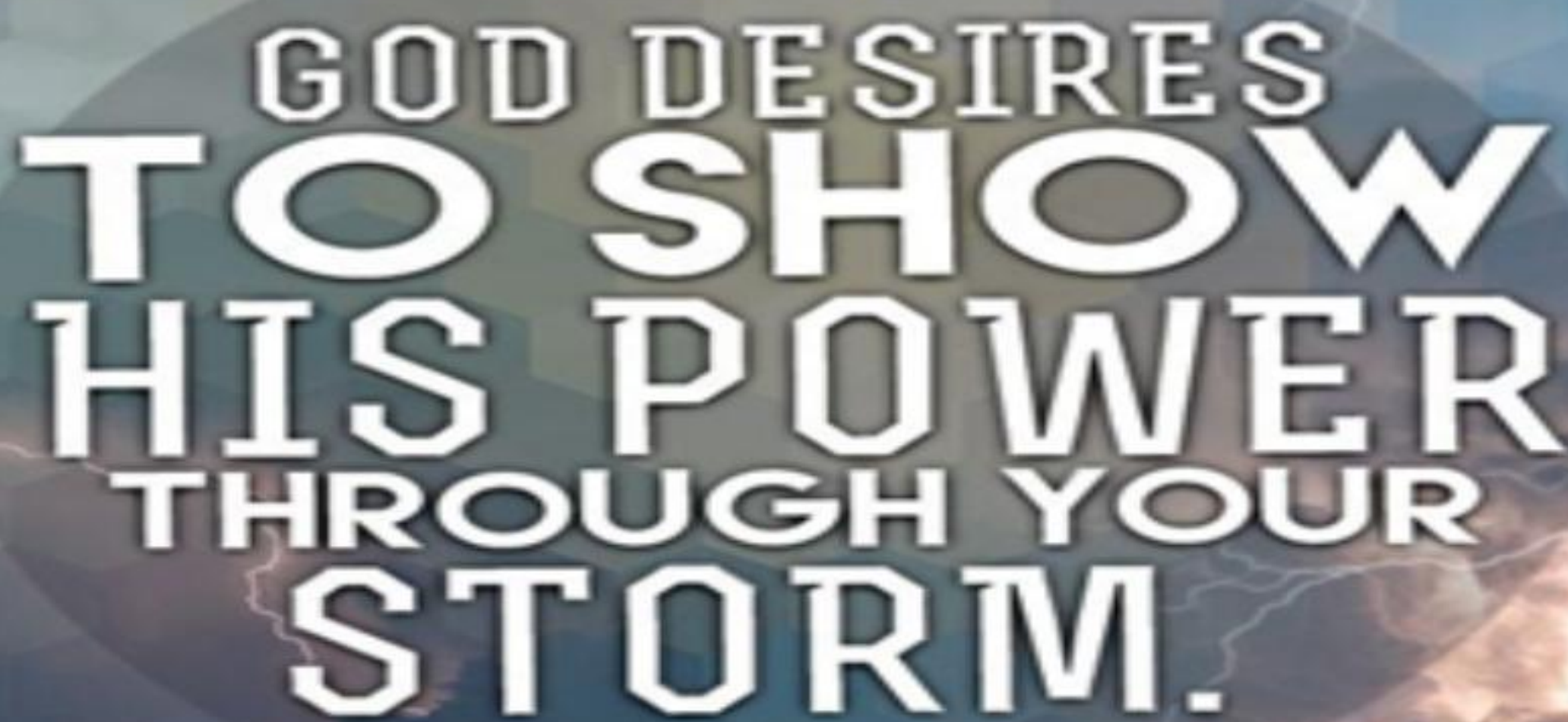


...It Paves the Way for God's Power to be Displayed- Miracles

- People's lives are **affected** and **changed**.
- God shakes things up through praise.
- As Paul and Silas sat in prison, shackled, but praising God.
 - Praise Moved God
 - God Moved Heaven /Earth -God sent an earthquake
 - Power Moved Hearts -jailer/ all his family saved-

“About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken.

And immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone's bonds were unfastened.” Acts 16:25-26



GOD DESIRES
TO SHOW
HIS POWER
THROUGH YOUR
STORM.

PAUL CHAPPELL

...It Paves the Way for God's Power to be Displayed- Miracles

- **We have a choice every day in this life.**
 - live absorbed in worry and stress...
...focused only on what surrounds us
- **We can ask God to help us take our eyes off all the...**
 - problems and mess, or the voices of others...
...look up...to the One who holds it all together
- **God desires our whole heart.**
- **He longs for us to know the power of His presence**
 - ...He desires to bless us more than we could imagine
...His Spirit urges us onward, calling us closer

Dear God

Hear My Cry...

In Jesus' Name, Amen

Dear God

We praise you today with our hearts and songs, we praise you for your faithfulness, we praise you for your great power and love. We confess our need for you, our lives don't go so well when we just spin around on our own. We struggle and worry, get weary and worn. Yet you never leave us. Thank you for your presence. Thank you for your care over us, thank you that you breathe renewal right into our souls. We ask for your spirit to fill us, to draw us close to yourself, and to work your purposes through us, as we set our eyes on you.

In Jesus' Name, Amen

WHEN YOU ENTER
GOD'S PRESENCE
WITH PRAISE,
HE ENTERS YOUR
CIRCUMSTANCES
WITH POWER.

WHEN YOU ENTER
GOD'S PRESENCE

*They Didn't Focus on the Crucifixion
But their Focus was on the Resurrection*

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WITH POWER.