

If the car ad claims these items, it really means:

- **rough condition** = too bad to lie about
- **parts car** = beyond repair
- **immaculate** = recently washed
- **engine quiet** = if you use 90-weight oil
- **needs minor overhaul** = needs an engine
- **needs major overhaul** = phone the junkyard
- **burns no oil** = it all leaks out
- **rebuilt engine** = cleaned the spark plugs
- **drive it away** = I live on a hill
- **drive it anywhere** = within 10 miles
- **desirable classic** = no one wants it
- **rare classic** = no one wanted it even when it was new
- **stored 20 years** = in a farmer's field
- **ran when stored** = won't start



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Part 2

**YOUR PURPOSE
HAS PURPOSE**

Praise Is..

What Can

Praise Do?

- 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...



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

- In "selfie" focused world, we need this reminder...
...life is not all about us.

- 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.

"Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness!" Psalms 150:2

"And my tongue shall speak of your righteousness and of your praise all the day long." Psalms 35:28

...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!

"Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods" Psa. 95:2-3

"I will give you thanks in the great congregation: I will praise you among much people" Psa. 35:18

...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.

Jehoshaphat, saw God miraculously defeat the enemy

"As they began to sing / praise, the Lord set ambushes against the men of Ammon / Moab / Mount Seir who were invading Judah, / they were defeated" 2 Chron. 20:22

..Leaves No Room For Complaining and Negativity

Luke 24:50-53

⁵¹ And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven. ⁵² And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy: ⁵³ And were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God. Amen.

Acts 2:1-2

¹ And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.
² And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it **filled all the house** where they were sitting.

A photograph of a long wooden boardwalk or bridge stretching into a dense forest. The perspective is from the start of the path, looking down its length. The wooden planks of the path lead the eye towards the vanishing point. The trees on either side are tall and their leaves are dappled with sunlight. The overall tone is peaceful and contemplative.

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*"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*



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...Praise Invites His Presence

- God Dwells Close to Us When We Praise Him

- He Lives There

- He Looks For It

A circular graphic consisting of three concentric circles. The innermost circle is yellow and contains the text 'PSALM 22:3' in a bold, black, sans-serif font. The middle circle is white, and the outermost circle is a thin yellow line.

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"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

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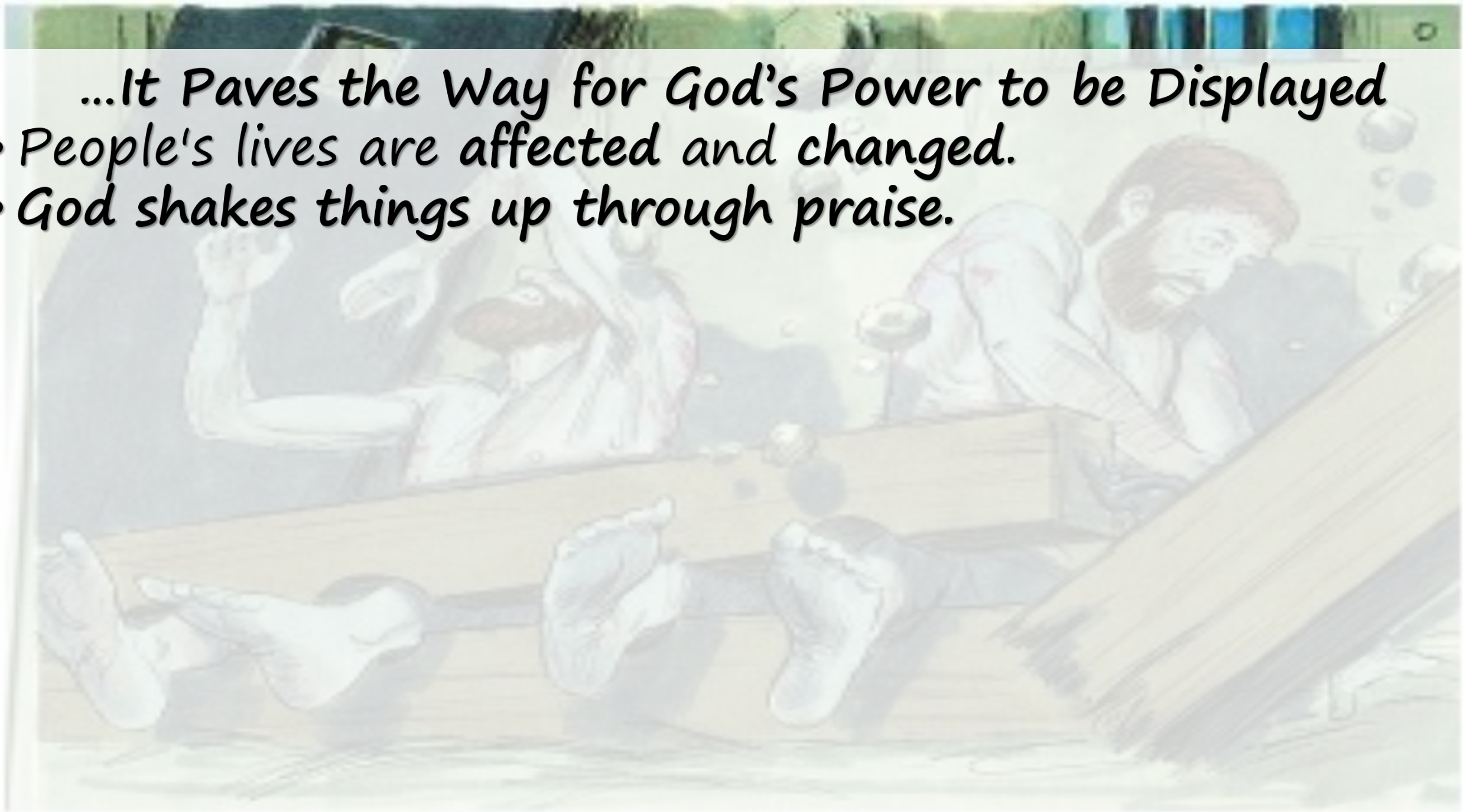
"In His presence, there is fullness of joy." Psa. 16:11

"Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you. I will praise you as long as I live, /in your name I will lift up my hands."

Psa. 63:3-4



- ...It Paves the Way for God's Power to be Displayed*
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A faint, artistic illustration in the background shows two men, Paul and Silas, in a prison setting. They are depicted from the waist up, wearing simple robes. One man is standing and gesturing with his hands, while the other is seated or kneeling, looking up at him. The background is a soft, painterly style with muted colors.

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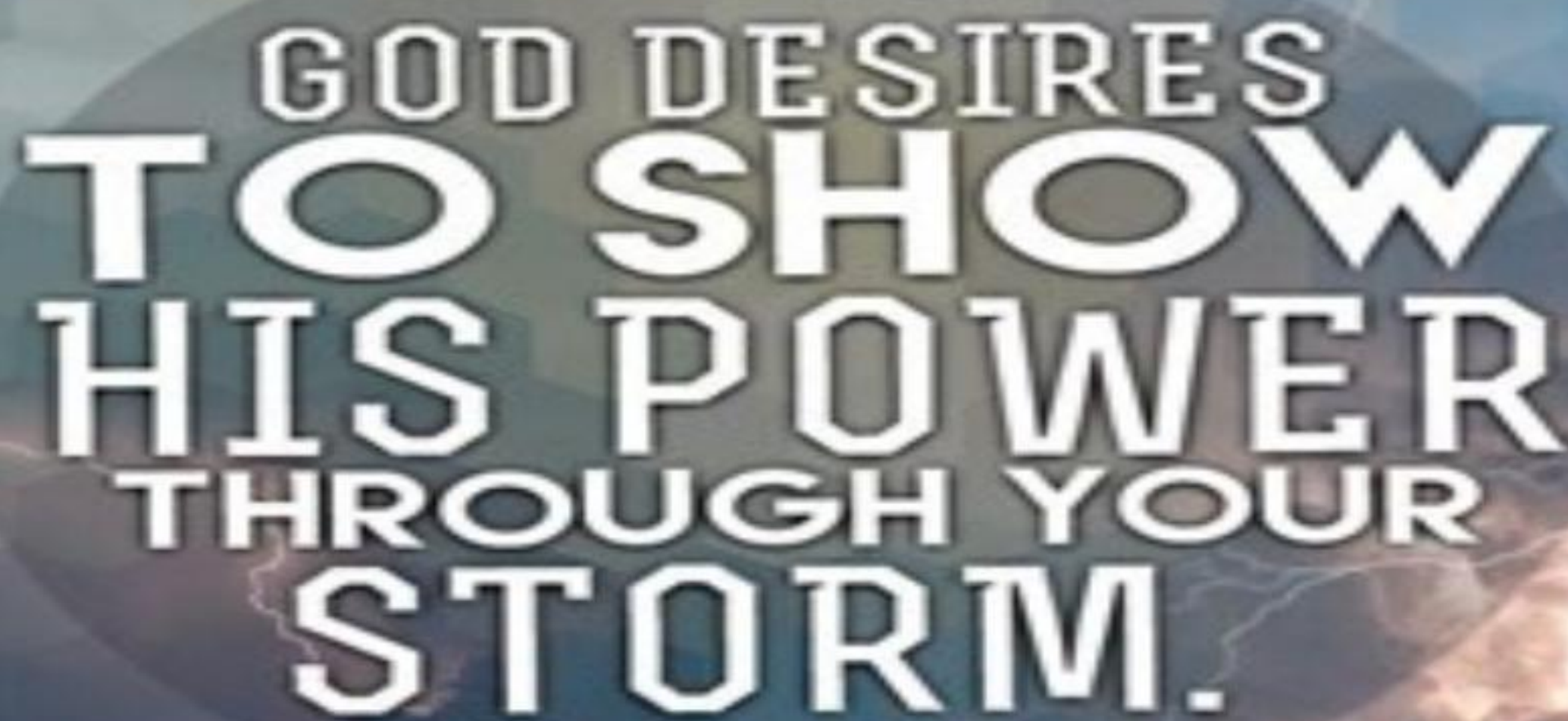
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“About midnight Paul/ Silas were praying/ singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. immediately all



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- 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

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.