# Thanksgiving Perspective

Acts 16:25



## Today's Challenges

Powerful / Unique

#### Without God We Are:

Overwhelmed / Overcome

#### With God We Are:

Not Overwhelmed but Overcomers...

#### **Paul and Silas**

- Overwhelmed (cast down- bound)
- Not Overcome (unshakeable)

They Knew the Powerful Force of **Thanks-Living!** 



### **Thanks-Living**

#### There are Different Levels of Thanksgiving

- •Act (thanksgiving)
  - After Receipt
  - Momentary
  - Polite
- Attitude (thanks-living)
  - Receipt Unnecessary- (Position)
  - **○Continual**
  - **○Produces** 
    - Faith
    - Praise
    - Power



#### Thanks-Living is Attractive (25)

Praises(celebrate w/ praise / thanksgiving unto God)

- •To God it Gets His Attention –God Heard
  - God is Always Listening
  - O Does He Like What He Hears?
- To the World –it Gets Their Attention
  - Prisoners Heard (to hear w- expectation/ joy)



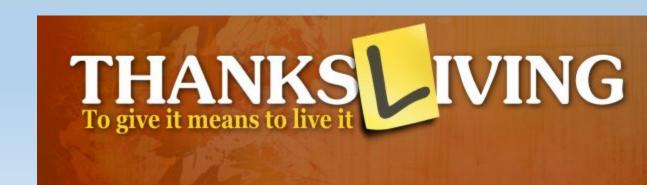
### Thanks-Living is Active (26-34)

It Moves the Heart of God...

...Then it Moves the Hand of God (Earthquake/ Chains)

**Key to Miracles..** 

- **Seeking His Heart 1st**
- **oThen His Hand** 
  - 10 Lepers



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It Moves the Heart of Man...

...Moving the Hand of Man -started series of events

- 1st- Prisoners Stayed in Cells...
  - Witnessed Genuine Move of God
  - Expectation –what's happening next?



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2<sup>nd</sup>- Jailor Saved:

- 1st Phy Death- "Suicide"
- 2nd Spt Death- "Salvation"

3rd- Jailor Brought Them Out and Up...

...into His Home Ministered to Them

4th- Jailor's Family Saved...

...Thanksgiving has a Ripple Effect



### Thanks-Living is the Answer

**Everything Else was Powerless to Deliver** 

Cast Down - Bound

Thanksgiving was Liberated and Liberating!

- When You Have Nothing Else to Give...Give Thanks!
  - Can't Bargain Way Out
  - Complain Way Out
  - Scheme Way Out

Offer Thanks-Living to the Lord...



### Thanks-Living is the Answer

Offer Thanks-Living to the Lord...

...Watch the Chains Fall

