

## Will you pout or praise?

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Trials can lead us to a greater dependency on God and a deeper trust in His sovereignty if we let them. In every situation we come to a crossroad and have a choice: we can pout, or we can praise.

Perhaps you are at such a crossroad in a personal sense? With what is going on in the world I certainly believe that we as Christians are at such a cross road. To pout or to praise.

God shows us a powerful example of praise-over-pout behavior in chapter sixteen of the book of Acts. Though Paul and Silas had every reason to sit and stew because of the injustice of their situation, Paul and Silas chose to trust in God's plan and praise their Lord, Jesus Christ.

*After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully. When he received these orders, he put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them (Acts 16: 23-25).*

Then God shook the earth.

And loosened the chains of the prisoners. In horror, knowing he would be held responsible for the escape of the prisoners, the jailer raised his sword to kill himself – but Paul stopped him. He and Silas hadn't fled. They stood amidst their dark circumstances and spoke and sang with confidence in their God.

As a result, of Paul and Silas choice, to praise God, several people, including the jailer and his family, came to believe in Jesus Christ.

Though we won't always rejoice in our circumstances, we are commanded to always rejoice in the Lord. When we praise the Lord through, and in spite of, what we face **praise becomes our deliverance through trials.**

Today God is metaphorically shaking our world. When we choose to praise instead of pout, we choose to trust God. The world, our city will look at us and see how we react. When we choose to trust God, the wounded world around us lifts their eyebrows in wonder – just like the Roman jailer.

So pray with me today:

1. PRAISE GOD!! Irrespective of our circumstance
2. That when our city looks at how we respond to our circumstances, they will see Jesus' love for us
3. That when our city looks at how we respond to our circumstances, they will see Jesus' love for THEM
4. God protection and provision for our city and her people
5. For someone that needs to meet Jesus

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