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## **THE POWER OF PRAISE IN THE MIDNIGHT HOUR!**

### **Acts 16:16–28a (NKJV)**

16 Now it happened, as we went to **prayer**, that a certain slave girl **possessed with a spirit of divination** met us, who brought her masters much profit by fortune-telling. 17 This girl followed Paul and us, and cried out, saying, “These men are the servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation.” 18 And this she did for many days.

**Verses 18-24...** But Paul, greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, “I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” **And he came out that very hour.** 19 But when her **masters saw** that **their hope of profit was gone**, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged *them* into the marketplace to the authorities. 20 And they brought them to the magistrates, and said, “These men, being Jews, exceedingly trouble our city; 21 and they teach customs which are not lawful for us, being Romans, to receive or observe.” 22 Then the multitude rose up together against them; and the magistrates tore off their clothes and commanded *them* to be beaten with rods. 23 And when they had laid many stripes on them, they threw *them* into prison, commanding the jailer to keep them securely. **24 Having received such a charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks.**

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**Principle:** Praise is your greatest weapon when you’re in your darkest moments!

**PRINCIPLE:** You don’t wait until it feels good to praise; you praise Him until it gets good!

**PRINCIPLE:** Praise isn’t emotional hype - it’s spiritual warfare!

**PRINCIPLE:** Praise isn’t an external event; praise is an internal combustion. Praise breaks forth from the inside out

**PRINCIPLE:** Worship is not a reaction to freedom - Worship is a weapon that brings freedom!