



Power From on High

Series: Power From On High.
Title: Turning Persecution into
Praise
Lesson: 85

Text: Acts 16:19-25
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Everyone is either _____ by Jesus
Christ or _____ to Satan
and His demons.

Acts 16:19 But when her masters saw that their hope of profit was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market place before the authorities,

“dragged”

“market place”

The master's motive was what?

1 Timothy 6:9–10 But those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a snare and many foolish and harmful desires which plunge men into ruin and destruction. 10 For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

Christians can expect to be attacked when

Truth hinders _____ success.

20 and when they had brought them to the chief magistrates, they said, “These men are throwing our city into confusion, being Jews, 21 and are proclaiming customs which it is not lawful for us to accept or to observe, being Romans.”

“chief magistrates”

“being Jews” / “being Romans”

22 The crowd rose up together against them, and the chief magistrates tore their robes off them and proceeded to order them to be beaten with rods.

23 When they had struck them with many blows, they threw them into prison, commanding the jailer to guard them securely; 24 and he, having received such a command, threw them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks.

25 But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns of praise to God, and the prisoners were listening to them;

Four ways to handle times of distress:

1. Rejoice _____

Philippians 4:4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!

1 Thessalonians 5:16–18 Rejoice always; 17 pray without ceasing; 18 in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

2 Corinthians 1:8 For we do not want you to be unaware, brethren, of our affliction which came to us in Asia, that we were burdened excessively, beyond our strength, so that we despaired even of life;

2. Trust in God's _____

Romans 8:28 And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

Genesis 50:20 "As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result, to preserve many people alive.

Our ability to suffer well is dependent on our _____ of God.

3. _____

Philippians 4:6–7 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

4. _____ or (_____)

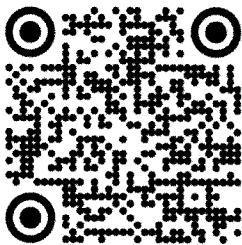
Psalm 47:6 Sing praises to God, sing praises; Sing praises to our King, sing praises.

1 Samuel 16:16 “Let our lord now command your servants who are before you. Let them seek a man who is a skillful player on the harp; and it shall come about when the evil spirit from God is on you, that he shall play the harp with his hand, and you will be well.” 17 So Saul said to his servants, “Provide for me now a man who can play well and bring him to me.”

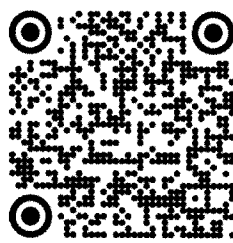
23 So it came about whenever the evil spirit from God came to Saul, David would take the harp and play it with his hand; and Saul would be refreshed and be well, and the evil spirit would depart from him.

Discussion Guide

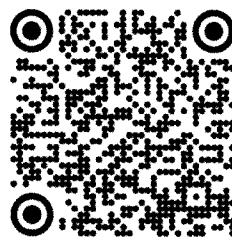
1. Today we talked about attacks that come from truth that undermines profitability. Can you think of any other examples?
2. What was the most difficult time in your life. How did you handle it? Were you successful? If so, how? If not, why not?
3. Why is God's command to rejoice not about our emotions?
4. How did today's story about the revenge of the masters parallel events occurring today?
5. Review and discuss the five ways of handling difficult trials. Which one(s) do you find the most difficult?



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