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Bible Study Outline

11:00 AM

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**Subject:** Prayer, Praise, and Power

**Scripture:** Acts 16:24-26

In our flesh, we have many natural responses to difficulties. We don't always react the way Jesus would in our difficult situations. As believers, we have the power to respond in a very supernatural way. As believers, we have the power from the Holy Spirit to respond through prayer, praise, and faith.

Paul and Silas show us how the Holy Spirit enables believers to respond when faced with a very difficult situation. They chose not to focus on their unfair treatment but, to focus on God's character. They knew that God was powerful. They knew that their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ had suffered far more than they had when He was crucified on the cross. In the book of Acts, chapter 16 verses 25 and 26, we're reminded that we can pray and praise our way through difficult experiences. Look at Paul and Silas, they were praying and singing hymns to God in prison. It caused the other prisoners to listen to them as they prayed and sang. The Holy Spirit enabled Paul and Silas to be a witness for Jesus.

**Questions to Ponder:**

1. Have you ever been mistreated because you tried to do the right thing?
2. If you face difficulties, can you stay focused on God and not complain?
3. Who is God leading you to share the Good News of Christ with?

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