Title: Delivered & Acquitted with the Power of Praise - Paul & Silas!

Text: Matt 6: 33-34 (Message Bible)

³⁴ "Give your entire attention to what God is doing right now, and don't get worked up about what may or may not happen tomorrow. <u>God will help you deal with whatever hard things</u> come up when the time comes.

What does it mean then to seek His kingdom and still worship God when things don't go according to "my" expectation?

Colossians 1:16 (NLT) - Everything was created through Him and for Him.

"Focusing on ourselves will never reveal our life's purpose!"

5 facts about Problems/Crisis: (Acts 16)

- 1) Problems/Crises are to be Expected
- 2) **Problems are** <u>Variable</u>
- 3) Problems are <u>Unpredictable</u>
- 4) Problems are <u>Impartial/ neutral</u>
- 5) But I can choose my <u>Response</u> to my problems- The Effect of Thanksgiving!
 - a) Thanksgiving brings Supernatural Intervention v25-26
 - b) Thanksgiving Removes the Hindrances & Brings Restoration v27-34
 - c) Thanksgiving Paves the Way for God to do More, v35-40

Conclusion:

- Never Judge God's Love For You Based On Your Circumstances!
- Nothing is beyond God's control.
- You cannot control your future but with Power of your Praise you are declaring that God is in absolute control of your life.