

Monday, 9 March 2015

Acts 16:22-25

The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates tore the garments off them and gave orders to beat them with rods. And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, ordering the jailer to keep them safely. Having received this order, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them,

Giving thanks in all circumstances (1 Thess. 5:18)
What an example to all of us, if Paul and Silas sit in stocks after experiencing severe beatings and spend the night singing hymns and praying rather than writhing in pain, why can't I do the same during a sleepless period of the night? No, I lay there and mutter to myself complaining about the ache or the worry that is spoiling my sleep.

Tuesday, 10 March 2015

Psalms 142:1-4

Maskil of David, when he was in the cave. A Prayer. *With my voice I cry out to the LORD; with my voice I plead for mercy to the LORD. I pour out my complaint before him; I tell my trouble before him. When my spirit faints within me, you know my way! In the path where I walk they have hidden a trap for me. Look to the right and see: there is none who takes notice of me; no refuge remains to me; no one cares for my soul.*

“How's it going” (but I don't really want an answer). Often heard from friends and acquaintances but never from the Lord. He is always there, listening and comforting, not as friends whose interests tend to lie within their own problems.

Wednesday, 11 March 2015

Psalms 142:5-7

I cry to you, O LORD; I say, "You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living." Attend to my cry, for I am brought very low! Deliver me from my persecutors, for they are too strong for me! Bring me out of prison, that I may give thanks to your name! The righteous will surround me, for you will deal bountifully with me.

Lord, I must learn that the purpose of The Troubles is to drive me to You; to teach me that You are the Refuge, the Healer and my Guardian. That You and You alone are the One who will never leave me nor forsake me. You are the One in whom I must always trust and thank in all circumstances.

Thursday, 12 March 2015

2 Thessalonians 3:1-3

Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you, and that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men. For not all have faith. But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one.

Lord, bless our ministry in the prisons and with those who have been released. Block the attempts of the Evil One to spoil and divert the work and the spreading of the Word of Salvation. We depend upon Your promise that You are faithful, a promise that cannot be broken.

Friday, 13 March 2015

Psalms 143:1-2

A Psalm of David. *Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy! In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness! Enter not into judgment with your servant, for no one living is righteous before you.*

Hear my prayer, Lord, my prayer for my children and for all whom You have sent me to minister to. I pray for the healing of strained or even broken relationships that You may be glorified and that You will receive all the praise. Thank You, Lord Jesus.

Saturday, 14 March 2015

Psalm 143:3-6

For the enemy has pursued my soul; he has crushed my life to the ground; he has made me sit in darkness like those long dead. Therefore my spirit faints within me; my heart within me is appalled. I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that you have done; I ponder the work of your hands. I stretch out my hands to you; my soul thirsts for you like a parched land. Selah.

I meditate on Your goodness, Lord, on all the blessings that I remember and recognize. The richness of life in Your Kingdom is blessing beyond measure. How can I be discouraged or doubt Your benevolence?

Lord's Day, 15 March 2015

Psalm 119:20

My soul is consumed with longing for your rules at all times.

I know that obedience to Your rules is to walk in the Kingdom and to reap the blessings of Kingdom living. I know that to learn Your rules and their application to my life is to enter into Your presence fully. I long for that, to be filled, even flooded, with Your glory.

VOICES TOGETHER

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