

Authentic Christian Living Series

Authentic Worship

Week 6 Worksheet

Worshipping in the Face of Adversity

Job 13:15 and Acts 16:22-30

Introduction:

Adversity is defined as:

_____ - hardship and suffering

_____ - an extremely unfavorable experience or event

In looking at the topic of Authentic Worship, we would all agree that to _____ in the face of adversity is one of the true spiritually _____ we hope to be able to achieve as we are required to face the adversities of our living experience.

I. Job knew that God had allowed adversity to enter his life.

- A. Job had a clear understanding that in times of adversity God is _____.
1. Job didn't understand the why of his suffering.
 2. In the midst of great anguish, he still _____ his God.
- B. Job knew that his only _____ was in God
1. He knew that he could scheme and plan for his recovery, but without God's blessing that would not matter.
 2. He knew his only hope for relief was in God and _____ could compare in this time of adversity.
- C. Job had _____ in God that even if he died he would stand face to face before God.
1. Job understood that the trials of this life do not affect or take away what God has promise us for eternity.
 2. Job had confidence in his God that passed the _____ and entered into _____ dimensions that then in turn gave him the confidence he needed to face his adversities.

II. Paul and Silas Knew that God always has a Greater Purpose for our adversities

- A. Paul and Silas were doing as the Lord had _____ when adversity entered their lives
1. Therefore this adversity was not correction from God but instead was something else.
 2. This did not lessen their pain from the beatings and flogging, but it did encourage them that this was for _____.
 3. Having God's Greater Purpose in our lives _____ the way we face the adversities of our lives.
- B. Paul and Silas chose to continue to praise God in the midst of their adversities
1. The very act of praising God _____ our confidence in God and helps us through adversities
 2. Paul and Silas prayed and sang songs while other prisoners _____ to them
 3. Paul and Silas seized the _____ to make their adversity _____ for a Greater Purpose, not knowing what would happen the next day.
 4. They focused on the _____ and let God take care of the _____.
- C. In the midst of their adversity, God intervened with his Almighty Power

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1. Paul and Silas understood that this was not for their rescue but for God's Greater Purpose and they _____ .
2. When the jailer saw that nobody had escaped, he immediately realized that in the way Paul and Silas had faced their adversity that there was something about them that he _____
_____ in his life.
3. Then the jailer, his household, and all of those³ who were in prison with them received Jesus and were saved.
4. Paul and Silas received medical treatment and the next day are released.
5. God's Greater Purpose had given _____ to their adversity, and as a result a new church was born in Europe in the house of Lydia.

III. Application:

A. Who is in control of our lives?

1. We must place our _____ in God and trust Him even in the face of severe adversity.
2. Our true and only hope for _____ is in God.
3. We must have an _____ on life that transcends the pain and suffering of this life.

B. We must be sure that we are living according to God's Greater Purpose and not according to our _____.

1. When adversity comes, if we are living according to God's Greater Purpose, we will see _____
_____ in our adversity and we will be looking for His _____ and His _____ even in the face of our suffering.
2. The only way our suffering can ever have any meaning if for it to accomplish _____
_____ in and through our lives.
3. We have to focus on today and leave our tomorrows to God. We must _____ God.

C. We must continue to engage God in worship and prayer in the face of our adversities.

1. We must not run and hide away unto ourselves. This gives God's Greater Purpose _____ to work and it takes away any possible value or meaning for our suffering.
2. Rather even more in times of adversity we must engage in _____ prayers and worship.
3. People think that it is easy to trust God when all is well. But they _____
_____ when we trust Him while we are suffering some kind of adversity.

Close:

Truly no one desires to experience pain and suffering. But there are times that God uses that in ways that no other means are effective, and we must, even in times of adversity, continue to trust and obey and worship the Lord God. We must always be looking for God's Greater Purpose, and keep our eyes on the eternal prize that is set before us and awaits us on that day.