

DOORS PT.10: Presence Doors

## SET LIST (worship optional)

Raise a Hallelujah by Bethel Music King of Glory by Todd Dulaney Surrounded (Fight My Battles) by UpperRoom Freedom Reigns by Jesus Culture

### **OPEN IN PRAYER**

# MAIN SCRIPTURES (read when prompted) But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the

prisoners were listening to them. <sup>26</sup> Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were loosed. <sup>27</sup> And the keeper of the prison, awaking from sleep and seeing the prison doors open, supposing the prisoners had fled, drew his sword and was about to kill himself. <sup>28</sup> But Paul called with a loud voice, saying, "Do yourself no harm, for we are all here."
<sup>29</sup> Then he called for a light, ran in, and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. <sup>30</sup> And he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"
<sup>31</sup> So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household." <sup>32</sup> Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. <sup>33</sup> And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their stripes. And immediately he and all his family were baptized. <sup>34</sup> Now when he had brought them into his house, he set food before them; and he rejoiced, having believed in God with all his household. **Acts 16:25-34 (NKJV)** 

## **LET'S TALK ABOUT IT!**

There are physical doors that you have to push open yourself. These
doors need all your energy and effort to open. Then there are seasonal
doors that can only be opened during certain times and if you don't walk
through them you will have to wait for the season to come back again.

This week Pastor Ron shared with us about presence doors. These are doors, that if you get into certain proximity of God, then the doors will burst open. **Read Acts 16:25-34.** When Paul and Silas were praising through their time in prison, the doors burst open! When we praise God through the storms, we begin to open presence doors because we are drawing nearer to him. What is your reaction when bad things happen? Do you praise God first or do you wallow in your situation?

- When you are near a presence door there will be an abundance of suddenly's then immediately's. Your praise releases suddenly's. This means that the more you praise the more blessings will appear out of a sudden. Then those things you have been praying for will immediately be answered. The gates that were holding your blessings back will open when you least expect it and blessings will overflow! Are you ready for an immediate blessing? How have you been preparing for the presence doors to burst open?
- We usually praise during our hard times and don't think of others. But when times get tough, there is always someone watching us to see what our response will be. The world is going through a crisis with quarantines and shut downs, but how will you respond? Many people have responded to this unknown time in fear and over-stocking their house with materials not leaving enough for everyone else. As people of God, it is time to rise up in our faith. We should not only have faith on a Sunday when we are surrounded by believers, but need to put our faith into practice now more than ever. When you heard about the seriousness of the Coronavirus, what was your response? Have you seen your faith rise to the occasion?

#### PRAYER FOCUS

This is the time for believers to rise and start praying and praising. The enemy is taking fear to another level and we are to show others that are faith is not unwavering. This week pray for those who are crippled in fear and who don't know God as their God of peace. Go to Pastor Ron's Facebook page and play his prayer over your house daily and believe that for everyone else around you.