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Series: Worship – “Discovering the Greatness of our God”

Sermon: The Decision of When to Worship!

FBC Vidalia

Morning Service

Hebrews 13:15-16

Deuteronomy 32:3 (ESV) For I will proclaim the name of the LORD; ascribe greatness to our God!

Worship is our response to God for who He is and what He has done, expressed in the things we say and the way we live.

True worship is the connection of my personal relationship to God with my passionate response to His greatness, resulting in a lifestyle of pure righteousness.

There is never a moment when I cease to be a worshipper and never a circumstance that prohibits me to worship.

Hebrews 13:15-16 (ESV) ¹⁵ Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. ¹⁶ Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Acts 16:23-30 (ESV) ²³ And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, ordering the jailer to keep them safely. ²⁴ Having received this order, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. ²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, ²⁶ and 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 bonds were unfastened. ²⁷ When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸ But Paul cried with a loud voice, “Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.” ²⁹ And the jailer called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ Then he brought them out and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”

1. The joy of continuous worship.

Psalms 34:1 (ESV) I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Psalms 13:1-6 (ESV) ¹ How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me?

² How long must I take counsel in my soul and have sorrow in my heart all the day? How long shall my enemy be

exalted over me? ³ Consider and answer me, O LORD my God; light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death,

⁴ lest my enemy say, “I have prevailed over him,” lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken. ⁵ But I have trusted in your

steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation. ⁶ I will sing to the LORD, because he has dealt bountifully with

me.

Psalms 71:6 (ESV) Upon you I have leaned from before my birth; you are he who took me from my mother’s womb.

My praise is continually of you.

2. The choice of continuous worship.

Worship during trials is a matter of keeping God between me and my bad day/me and my problem.

3. The ministry of continuous worship.

A. Be an amplified message to the world.

B. Worship in trials will keep priorities in perspective.

C. Worship always connects us to the presence of God.

Psalms 22:3 (ESV) Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.