## 12/09/17 - Midnight Songs

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Acts 16:22-32

It is not unusual for the midnight hour to be described as "deep darkness." That is the time when daylight is long gone, and not to occur again for hours. It is often thought of as the time of despair, fear, and hopelessness. Midnight in jail is not normally a time for singing.

Jesse' youngest son was incarcerated for several years. It was during those years that he came into a dynamic and overwhelming sense of God's grace and mercy. His life turned around, and his witness became a means of grace to others. More than a year after his release, he received a Happy Birthday text message from a former inmate, telling him that he was at that moment in a men's prayer breakfast. "Thank you," he said. "Because of your being a great example of a Christian, you helped me change my life."

Whatever our circumstances, when we point others to Christ, songs break out! Lives are changed! Futures are rearranged! All because of Messiah Jesus. No wonder we sing!

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