

When Paul Put God First

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Putting God first can be difficult. **What can we learn from Paul** that will help us put God first in our lives today?

Believing that he was putting God first, Paul persecuted the followers of Jesus. Though honest and sincere, he could not see how wrong he was. By the way, sincerity and honesty alone are not an assurance that we are true followers of Jesus.

It was only when he fell to the ground and was blinded by the light of Jesus that he truly began to see. For Paul, putting God first then meant humbly questioning his beliefs and going back to Scripture.

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After three years in Arabia, Paul returned with a renewed conviction that God had not given up on the world. Jesus was the Savior who wanted to reach every human being. Putting God first for Paul now meant to give himself first as an offering to God, traveling from city to city and village to village to tell others about Jesus. Nothing would stop him. Not even those trying to kill him.

One time, Paul and his friend, Silas, had their clothes ripped off in the middle of the city square. They were beaten and put in prison, with their feet clamped in the stocks. Still bleeding and bruised, Paul and Silas did the unthinkable: they worshipped Jesus.

If you are at your lowest point right now and everything seems to have gone wrong, there is no better time to worship than today.

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As Paul and Silas sang, God sent an earthquake. Assuming the prisoners had escaped, the officer in charge picked up a sword to kill himself. Paul and Silas remembered the beatings, torture, and humiliation that the officer had put them through. For Paul and Silas to have revenge, all they needed to do was wait for the officer's body to hit the ground.

But in that split second, they decided to put God first, forgiving the officer and shouting for him to stop. That officer and his family met Jesus. By the end of that night, they were also worshipping the King of Kings.

Powerful things can happen in the life of others when we decide to put God first.

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Paul and Silas put God first. Their example compels us to do the same. As we return our tithe and give our Promise, we are challenged to put God first.

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