

Saturday & Sunday, October 6 & 7, 2018 - “Unsung Heroes - Week 5: Silvanus - Worshipper” - Doug Kempton

Key Passages: Acts 15:22-40, Acts 16:25-34, 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

* + Feel free to read the passage(s) out loud as a group
	+ Allow the group to share freely about what stood out to them from the passage or from Sunday’s message

Main Ideas

* + There is an unsung hero in all of us and we all have a role to play in God’s narrative
	+ Who is Silvanus? (Silas) What makes him a hero?
	+ Early church leaders sent out a letter to instruct the early church on some key issues…Paul and Silas are traveling to churches and end up in prison after Paul casts out a demon
	+ Who was Silas?
		- He was a leader in the early church (15:22)
		- His heart toward God and attitude were what made him a leader (his relationship with the Lord)
		- Silas was a worshipper
			* Not all believers are worshippers
			* But all believers should be worshippers
	+ Worshippers worship God regardless of external circumstances (Paul and Silas beaten and imprisoned)
	+ There is a difference between praise and worship
		- Praise comes more naturally and you might say it’s easier
		- God is worthy of praise but we can also praise others
		- **But worship is reserved for God**
		- Worship is to put God above everything else in our lives…letting go of our own wants and desires
		- Worship is hard but…**worship unleashes the power of God in our lives and shapes both your character and your circumstances**
	+ Silas was a leader a worshipper and an encourager of others
		- As we worship God he shows up and comforts us
		- We are then able to comfort and encourage others 2 Corinthians 1:3-4
	+ The discipline of nevertheless
		- The psalms —> honest about disappointment, frustration and difficulty
		- But then…nevertheless you are God (Psalm 73:21-26)
	+ To be a hero like Silas…
		- An intentional turning of our hearts to God in worship
		- Living into the nevertheless principle

Questions(Feel free to use all of these, some of these, or none of these)

* 1. What does it mean to be a worshipper of God in your own words?
	2. How have you seen worship unleash the power of God in your life?
	3. How has God used worship of Him to shape your character and circumstance?
	4. What does it look like for you to live out the discipline of nevertheless?
	5. What are some of the things that compete with God for your worship?
	6. How has God used your worship of Him to help you or lead you to encourage and comfort others?
	7. What is God inviting you into as a result of this passage or message?

\*\***15 Minutes with God Reading Plan-**

**Mon: Genesis 1 Tues: Genesis 2 Wed: Genesis 3 Thurs: Genesis 4 Fri: Genesis 5**

**Songs from the weekend: [Alive- *Hillsong Y&F*] - *[How I Fight My Battles* - Upper Room] - [Everlasting God- William McDowell] - [Glory to Glory *- Bethel Music*]**