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always be about you*

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Take a baby for example. They believe it's all about them. They cry when they are hungry, sleepy, in pain, or they need their diaper changed and they demonstrate no real care or responsibility for others. All they care about is their personal satisfaction and immediate comfort. With many Christians it can be the same.

As we mature, we should begin to see life and its many situations from a different perspective. Paul and Silas were thrown in prison for preaching the Gospel. It was terrible, dark, wet, stinky, and gloomy. It would have been easy to give up. Sure, prison affected Paul, but he realized that it might not be all about him. They decided to praise God in their difficulty. God responded and shook the earth, opened the prison doors, and many believed and were saved, including the jailer and his whole family. Sometimes things affect us when it's not about us.

Prayer for Today

Father, please help me to face life with a mature vision. Help me to see a little farther down the road of life. I know that those who serve You will suffer persecution and even though that may affect me, I will not let it be all about me. I commit to be selfless. Your will be done and not mine.

Scriptures for Today

Acts 16:25-26 Around midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening. Suddenly, there was a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once the prison doors flew open, and everybody's chains came loose. (NIV)

2 Corinthians 8:9a For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor. (KJV)