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MAKING A DIFFERENCE—THE BIBLE WAY



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Q: What is the greatest expression of worship?

A: Psalm 69:30-31 says, I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving. This also shall please the

LORD better than an ox or bullock that hath horns and YBE hoofs. These verses compare praising God through **FW**/ music and thanksgiving with a physical sacrifice. The main idea is, worship is an offering directed toward WAY God.

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LEV That said, not all worship is created equal. Here are FBI some examples:

IBL When the Philadelphia Eagles beat the New England Patriots in Super Bowl LII, the world watched spell-OFI bound. Both the team's coach and MVP thanked Je-YBE sus Christ for their success. This public expression of thanksgiving was an act of worship. FB

Every weekend, millions of Christians around the STO world lift their voices toward Heaven with songs of praise and thanksgiving to God. Their singing is an **FBIE** expression of worship.

BLE\ As admirable as it is to praise the name of Jesus in the limelight when everyone is cheering us on or lewa when we are in a church setting with others who are **LEWA** doing the same, there is little risk involved. Praise in prosperity and comfort won't earn us a scholarship estof, in God's school of spiritual discipline. It would scarcely cover the entrance fee. These worship ex-OFI pressions, while good and important, are more like common courtesies --- casual nods to our faith in ESTOFE God — than stone-etched convictions. >>> Read On



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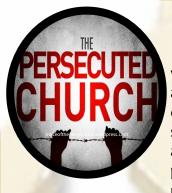
hold. We stand between a rock and a hard place. Our circumstances are anything but appealing. In fact, there is nothing we can see that is good about our circumstances. Our pathway to success has been de- \overline{LE} toured!

In Genesis 40:14–15, Joseph found himself in a strange land amidst circumstances that seemed unfavorable. His brothers had sold him into slavery. He had become a servant in Potiphar's household. Then, just when things started going well, he was accused of a crime he did not commit and was thrown in jail.

ГО You may have had a time when you finished your last ΈBE car payment, the car was a few years old, it still looked good, it was officially yours — and then it TO broke down with \$1,000.00 in repairs. Maybe you've paid off your bills and have opened a savings ac-FBI count, when something came along — an emergency, an unforeseen expense — and derailed your sav-Bib ing plans, placing them on hold. FBIB

Even though Christians do not believe in luck, sometimes there is a tiny thought that enters our minds, causing us to believe if we didn't have "bad luck," we wouldn't have any luck at all! Is it wrong to feel forsaken under the circumstances?

If you've never read Joseph's story, this would be a IF great time to read it. It begins in >>> Read On WAY BESTOF BIBLE WAYBESTOF BIBLEWAYBESTOF BIBLEWAY BEST



n the same day we celebrated the freedoms won by our veterans, billions of people around the world lived under tyranny and oppression. Basic freedoms such as the right to religious expression and assembly are unheard-of concepts for

many on our planet. Makes you a little more thankful to live in America, doesn't it?

When we address topics such as religious freedom, we sometimes don't realize just how difficult life is for people without it. Let me give you some examples for context. These stories can all be found at icommittopray.com:

US Pastor John Cao was fined \$3,000 and sentenced to prison for seven years on false charges after crossing the China-Myanmar border to serve 2,000 poverty-stricken children in Wa, Myanmar. Pastor Cao has been detained by the Chinese government since March 2017. The court announced his seven-year sentence last month.

On Sunday, May 13, three churches in Surabaya, Indonesia, were attacked by a family of Muslim suicide bombers, resulting in the deaths of 13 people.

Anaram Bokar and his family shared a home with his brother in India. Anaram became a Christian convert from Buddhism in 2004, and planted a thriving house church in 2007. As he continued to share the gospel, first the local villagers, then his brother, became hostile towards him. What began as intentional disruptions of worship services escalated to the point when, this year, Anaram's brother ordered him and his family out of the house — and made it permanent by destroying their living quarters. Village leaders have refused to help because Anaram is a Christian. Today the family is living under a tarp on their farmland.

Mauritania's National Assembly recently passed

laws increasing the penalty for leaving Islam. The death penalty is now mandatory for "blasphemous remarks" and "sacrilegious acts." A two-year prison sentence and fine of up to \$17,100 may now be dished out for "outrage to public decency and the values of Islam" or "the breach of prohibitions prescribed by Allah or the facilitation of their non-compliance" — aka distributing religious literature or making statements which convince a Muslim to become a Christian.

On May 18, two Pakistani Christians shared Christian literature with a Muslim shop owner after he had requested the materials. The shop owner then called the police >>> Read On

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