

The Psalms:
SONGS TO KEEP YOUR LIFE IN TUNE

THE JOY OF A WORSHIPFUL HEART

PSALM 100



MESSAGE GUIDE
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The Joy of a Worshipful Heart

Today's Message (16 August 2020) / *Psalm 100*

WHEN YOUR
WOES AND
WORRIES ARE
INCREASING,
MEET THEM
WITH A
WORSHIPFUL
HEART.

Is a psalm of thanksgiving out of place in a world that's full of sadness? Is it wrong timing to study a psalm like this, when most people today just seem to be hanging on for dear life, to every vestige of hope available?

If you are a believer, this passage is really for you, especially when life is hard. You see, God wants our worship, like a father who enjoys the love of his children. But we need to worship. Worship realigns our souls with the One who saved us and loves us. And there is no greater harm we can do to ourselves than to be separated from Him.

So why can you rejoice and worship God, no matter what your circumstances are? You see two good reasons in our passage:

1. REJOICE IN GOD BECAUSE YOU BELONG TO HIM

"He is God! It is He who made us... we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture" (v. 3)

What happens when we are absolutely sure of our divine parentage? (vv. 1-2)

- We should have joy and gladness.
- We serve God willingly.
- Music for worship should come to us naturally.

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2. REJOICE IN GOD, BECAUSE HE WILL ALWAYS BE GOOD TO YOU.

"For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations" (v. 5)

What happens when God's character is our source of joy and comfort? (v. 4)

- We should delight in worship.
- We become grateful people.
- We become unashamed people, people unembarrassed about our relationship with God.

FINAL THOUGHTS

This psalm is a strong rebuke of the two most common problems in Christian worship: joyless worship, and "Sunday-only worship".

So when your woes and worries are increasing, meet it with a worshipful heart, and you don't have to be under the circumstances, but above them, soaring with God in your soul ■

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Is it hypocrisy to praise God when you don't feel like it? How can we overcome such feelings?
2. How should a person who does not have a naturally cheerful personality express genuine joy in the Lord? Does he have to change his personality?
3. Pray together as a family/group, asking God to help you live thankful and grateful lives, which flow naturally into becoming worshipful lives, unashamed of their Savior.

The Shepherd's Voice

by Pastor Parkin Young

Before the pandemic, the Ortigas/Sports ministry was able to hold an 11-team basketball tournament composed of 11 companies based in Ortigas. The 120-plus people that were members of these teams were exposed to our church and I was able to form relationships with them. We were already doing an outreach Bible study with one of the companies led by P. Emer, and we were supposed to start outreach bible studies with five more. When the pandemic hit, the opportunity to start Bible studies with them was shelved because most of these companies are having a hard time coping with the loss in business. But because of our relationship with them, we were able to help out in different ways. We were able to help out by sending food packs to them, deepening our relationship with them, and most of all pray for them as we all dealt with the pandemic. This initiative was led by Growth Groups who wanted to help out in their own way. This is only one story of an outreach that we can do during this time.

This month we emphasize this feeling of "Belonging" in our Growth Groups. This feeling is what we get when we are in our Growth Groups. We are a family there because we are with people whom God has placed in our lives to journey together with. One of the things our Growth Group does is outreaches like what I shared earlier. Through these outreaches, the group grows deeper together,

while also sharing the gospel in a way that is practical and easily seen by others. When our Growth Groups do outreaches, we are helping to bring the church to people wherever they are. That is why we are stressing the importance of having each church goer be part of our Growth Groups. During the pandemic, we were unable to meet at church physically. Not being able to see each other on a weekly basis was really tough for us. But as I was able to contact the Growth Group leaders during this time, I was greatly encouraged by the relationships deepening as they continue to look out and care for one another. That to me is what church should be, people caring for one another because we love one another!

What about you? What is your Growth Group story? Would you like to experience the same? Then I encourage you to join a Growth Group now! If you are interested in joining a Growth Group, please message any of our leaders so that we can help you in joining one today! God bless you all as we worship our God today! ■



Belonging
The Growth Group Journey

THE CHURCH ONLINE

GROWING TOGETHER IN REACHING OUT TO PEOPLE IN CHRIST'S NAME

August 19 (Wed), 6:30 p.m., on GCF Facebook Page

A STEADY MIND IS A HEALTHY MIND (MEN'S FELLOWSHIP)

August 29 (Wed), 5:00-7:00 p.m., on Zoom. Contact 0917 632 1921 for details.

REMINDERS OF GOD'S CARE AND FAITHFULNESS

Mondays and Fridays, 7:00 p.m., GCF Facebook Page

LIVestream (GCF Youth LIVE Worship)

Saturdays, 5:00 p.m. on youtube.com/user/gcfyouthlive

KIDS' L.I.F.E. ONLINE SUNDAY SCHOOL

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