

THE WORD *behind the Song*



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I wrote this song during a season when God was moving in my life in so many different ways. My wife and I were in the middle of transition, drought, and questions. I came across conversations and situations that just left me very aware of his perfection and greatness and love towards me. My natural response to Him was just to say "Thank you".

Psalm 100:4

"Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name. For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endures to all generations".

A Life of Thanksgiving

According to Psalm 100:4, Thanksgiving and Praise is how we enter into the presence of the Lord. I believe that this goes beyond entering into His presence on a Sunday morning. Thanksgiving should be a part of the language of a believer's life-song. Thanksgiving is how we live in His presence every other day of the week. I like to call this putting on my "Thankful Glasses". When I live with a view of thanksgiving, it makes it much easier to live in His presence.

The Joy of Salvation

In the song I mention that my Salvation is so dear to me. Because of my Salvation, Christ has delivered me from the miry clay. He's pulled me out of the darkness that I once lived in.

Paul says in Romans 6:5-6

*"For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly **we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, 6 knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.**"*

Romans 1:16-17

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, 'The righteous shall live by faith.' "

When I read this I just explode with thanksgiving! Because I have died with Christ, I also get to live in the glory of his resurrection! Good bye miry clay!

A Song in My Heart

There is a song inside the heart of every person on the earth. We all have a song. A sound. It's a melody that was given by God. But often times that song gets changed by life's circumstances and it's woes. The song gets pushed back, and often goes unheard.

Psalm 40:1-3

*I waited patiently for the Lord;
And He inclined to me,
And heard my cry.
He also brought me up out of a horrible pit,
Out of the miry clay,
And set my feet upon a rock,
And established my steps.
He has put a new song in my mouth—
Praise to our God;
Many will see it and fear,
And will trust in the Lord."*

There is a new song that God has for us; a new song for us in the midst of our trial. And when people hear it, it will not be for our glorification, but for the Lord's. It's a song of thankfulness.

Group Discussion

- Lead your group in a prayer asking the Lord to reveal areas of life where you need your "thankful glasses".
- Share together the areas the Lord revealed to you
- Discuss Romans 6:5-6. What do these statements mean for us as believers?
- Now share with each other what the Lord is doing in your life. Share it from a place of thanksgiving! When each person shares, take a second to glorify the Lord with a shout, or a clap, or an amen!

Closing Thoughts

- Revelation 12:11 says "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony".
- Thanksgiving is a tool for overcoming!