



# DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

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#### "Look What God Has Done"

First, do what this song suggests. Look at everything God has done for all of us and for you personally.

Second, read Galatians 4:4-7. Was this on your list of ways God has blessed you?

Thank God for His provision of inheritance through His Son.

# "Only King Forever"

Read the story of the wise man and the foolish man found in Matthew 7:24-29. What does this teach you about where to build your life?

Next read 2 Timothy 2:19. Is this another hint about where to place your life priorities?

Surrender your thoughts, actions, and desires to the Lord.

### "Great Things"

The apostle Paul warns the ancient Corinthians against boasting about themselves. Read 2 Corinthians 10:17 and 12:9.

After thinking about all that God has done, how can we accept credit for our accomplishments?

Thank God that *His* power can be revealed in *your* weakness.

# "King of My Heart"

Listen to the lyrics of this song and notice how many metaphors (comparisons) the writer makes of God's love and care. Hint: The first line compares God to a mountain of refuge.

Now read Psalm 36:5-10. This is a Scripture from which some of the lyrics are drawn. Can you find other comparisons?

Now read Psalm 28:7. Here are some more metaphors. Can you compare these to your relationship to God through Christ?

Prayerfully claim the promise found in Deuteronomy 31:6.

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#### "I Love the Lord"

The psalmist testifies of God's care in Psalm 18:6. What does he say about God in this verse?

Read another Old Testament passage, Jeremiah 29:11-13. God is speaking to the ancient Israelites during a time of exile. What does He say to them in these verses?

Claim these promises for yourself, knowing that God hears you when you call.

#### "Ever Be"

King David was in the wilderness when he wrote Psalm 63. Read the whole song. What is David saying to God in the middle of a time of hunger and thirst?

Call out to God at all times, especially when you feel alone and abandoned. Recognize that God is the giver and sustainer of all life.

#### "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

#### with "Because He Lives (Amen)" and "Never Once"

The letter Paul wrote to the believers in Rome is a rich text in our modern Bible. The eighth chapter is especially profound. Read Romans 8:1-11. Christ didn't come to give us a new song to sing or a fresh look at our world. He came and died to take *us* from death to life. What a concept!

Now go back to the Old Testament and read Jeremiah's lament in Lamentations 3:22-23. Compare this to a song in this medley. After we are raised to life, what else does God promise?

Ask Him to show you ways that He has been faithful and merciful to you.

#### "O Praise the Name (Anástasis)"

Read the apostle Paul's testimony found in 1 Corinthians 15:1-11. What are the main points of his witness? Right them down.

Paul explains what this means to us now in 1 Corinthians 15:50-58. Write down the main points of these Scriptures. Pray that God will reveal to you how you can do what verse 58 says.

#### "Forever (We Sing Hallelujah)"

What does it mean to "glorify" God? This is not a word we use often in everyday language. In this song, the lyrics tell the story of Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. Then it says that forever He is glorified. What does that mean?

In some places in the Bible, glorify means to give God the highest priority and honor. In this lyric, I believe this is the definition: to give God all the credit.

Read the story, found in Luke 5:17-25, about a man Jesus healed. What did the man do after Jesus healed him?

Glorify Jesus in everything you do. He deserves it.

### "What a Beautiful Name"

Read John 1:1-5. What does John say about Jesus, the Word? Where was He "in the beginning"?

Read 1 John 4:4. What does this say about the power of Christ in you?

In Jesus' name, thank God for adopting you into His family. Claim the power that is given to us through the name of Jesus.

#### "Jesus Saves"

The apostle John records Jesus' last words to His disciples in the Upper Room right before His death. Read part of this "after-dinner speech" in John 14:1-6.

Realize that Jesus is the *only* way to salvation.

Share this truth with someone else.

#### "The Lord Is My Salvation"

Read Psalm 118:14 and Isaiah 12:2. What do these two Old Testament passages have in common?

Can you say these words to and about God right now?

#### "Death Was Arrested"

Read Romans 6:1-11. Now read Ephesians 2:1-10.

What do these verses teach about life in Christ?

In Ephesians 2:6-7, what is the promise to us as believers? Thank God for His provision.

#### "The Gospel"

The word gospel basically means good news, and it implies that the news is about a coming Savior. Read Mark 1:1-3. Who is the beginning of the good news? Who predicted His coming?

Read Ephesians 1:18 and pray that your eyes will be opened to see God at work through the gospel.

#### "Tell Me"

In Ephesians 3, Paul writes his prayer for the people of Ephesus. Read part of that prayer in verses 14 through 21. In this passage, Paul describes God's love in metaphoric terms. How does he do that?

The dimensions of God's love are endless; there are no boundaries. Believe that God made you for a purpose, and that He will never stop loving you.

#### "Glorious Day"

The apostle Matthew writes about Jesus' early ministry. Read the prophecy Matthew quotes in Matthew 4:16.

John picks up on the same theme in his gospel (John 8:12). What does this comparison mean? How can a person walk in darkness and then live in the light?

Pray that God will keep you walking in His light.

#### "In Christ Alone Medley"

Acts 4 records the words of Simon Peter after Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection. Read Acts 4:11-12. Peter quotes a prophecy here. What does the prophet call Jesus?

Ephesians 2:12-22 is another bold proclamation of the good news. What does it say about Jesus and about His followers?

Thank God for making you a citizen of His kingdom.

#### "Your Love Awakens Me"

Read Romans 8:1-2. This is just one Scripture reference to freedom we possess as believers. What are we free from?

In Galatians 5:1, Paul reminds us of our freedom; however, he also warns us about something. What is it?

Pray that God will reveal to you places in your life that still enslave you, even though you have freedom in Christ. Surrender those to Him right now.

# "Speak, O Lord"

Hebrews 4:12 is a verse about God's Word. Look at how the writer describes it.

Do you believe God's Word? Can you read it and find power in it?

James 1:22 tells us not to be just hearers of the Word, but to be what else regarding the Word?

Allow God to speak to you through His written Word.

# "A Clean Heart"

This song is based on Psalm 51. Read the whole chapter.

King David wrote this after he was confronted with his sin. What does David ask of God in this psalm?

When you are confronted with your own sin, return to this passage and pray the same prayer.