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F O R T H I S

Made for This Part 4 — Praise
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USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

We have provided all the Scriptures references in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to facilitate a discussion.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together.

While the questions are important, remember your group's goal is not to get through the questions, but to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships. Use the discussion questions as you see fit but emphasize the relationships.

God initiates worship; we initiate praise.

“I WILL PRAISE”—32 times in the Old Testament, 27 times in Psalms

[Psalm 42:11, NIV]

11 Why, my soul, are you downcast?

Why so disturbed within me?

Put your hope in God,

*for **I will** yet praise him,*

my Savior and my God.

Praise precedes a heavenly response...so don't stop praising!

[Mark 10:46-52]

46 Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (which means “son of Timaeus”), was sitting by the roadside begging. 47 When he heard that Jesus from Nazareth was passing by, he began to shout “Jesus, son of David, have mercy on me now in my affliction. Heal me!” 48 Those in the crowd were indignant and scolded him for making so much of a disturbance, but he kept shouting with all his might, “Son of David, have mercy on me now and heal me!”

[Mark 10:49] 49 Jesus stopped...

No one is going to fight for your breakthrough as much as you!

[Mark 10:52]

52 Jesus responded, “Your faith heals you. Go in peace, with your sight restored.” All at once, the man’s eyes opened and he could see again, and he began at once to follow Jesus, walking down the road with him.

Without the voice of praise, his desperation would not have been heard the same; praise as though Jesus is walking in front of you.

[2 Samuel 5:20]

So David went to Baal-perazim and defeated the Philistines there. “The Lord did it!” David exclaimed. “He broke through my enemies like a raging flood!” So he named that place Baal-perazim (which means “the Lord who breaks through.”)

Give praise to whom it is due! The honor is not for us to receive but for us to reflect.

Definitions—

PRAISE = to vocally give honor, worth or value

THE HIGHEST PRAISE = A vocal exaltation of God / a faith filled declaration of who God is...

Praise takes you to places that you wouldn't otherwise be able to get to on your own.

10 Reasons Why We Praise—

1. God is always worthy of all the praise and all the honor.
2. Praise is the language of faith.
3. Praise is an atmosphere-changer.
4. Praise is a weapon.
5. Praise breaks heaviness and depression.
6. Praise connects us to what is happening in heaven.
7. Praise produces a thankful heart.
8. Praise is the gateway to the very presence of God.
9. Praise is the vocabulary of victory.
10. Praise brings the breakthrough.

[2 Samuel 5:22-24]

But after a while the Philistines returned and again spread out across the valley of Rephaim. And again David asked the Lord what to do. "Do not attack them straight on," the Lord replied. "Instead, circle around behind and attack them near the poplar trees. When you hear a sound like marching feet in the tops of the poplar trees, be on the alert! That will be the signal that the Lord is moving ahead of you to strike down the Philistine army."

[2 Corinthians 10:3-4]

For although we live in the natural realm, we don't wage a military campaign employing human weapons. Instead, our spiritual weapons are energized with divine power to effectively demolish strongholds.

When we are willing to do the ridiculous, God will do the miraculous!

[2 Chronicles 20:15; 17,21-22]

*He said, "Listen, all you people of Judah and Jerusalem! Listen, King Jehoshaphat! This is what the Lord says: Do not be afraid! Don't be discouraged by this mighty army, for **the battle is not yours, but God's....you won't even need to fight. Take your positions... ..then stand still and watch the Lord's victory. He is with you, O people of Judah and Jerusalem. Do not be afraid or discouraged. Go out against them tomorrow, for the Lord is with you!"***

So, Jehoshaphat appointed men to sing to the Lord and to praise him for the splendor of His holiness as they went out at the head of the army, saying:

"Give thanks to the Lord,
for his love endures forever."

As they began to sing and praise, the Lord set ambushes against...
(*their enemies*)

The battle is already won, but you have to take your position.

For Monday—

"You have to have a perspective and a paradigm...I'm going to keep praising"—Pastor Dave

From TFH Worship album worship to "Beauty of Your Holiness" (or the album/song of your choice that stirs up your faith for breakthrough). Give your loudest and your all in praising God.

If you will develop a lifestyle of praise in your darkest moment, you will see something that you wouldn't see any other way!

TALK IT THROUGH

- 1. What are some things in which it is easy for you to show personal initiative? Why are those natural for you?**
- 2. How do you process the things of life in a healthy way? What happens when we bring praise into the process?**
- 3. When have you gotten a significant audience through your persistence? How do you naturally fight for your breakthrough? Do you get louder and more passionate, like Bartimaeus?**
- 4. What are some faith-filled declarations you have made in your life? What resulted?**
- 5. How do you fight your battles? Are you using the weapons designed by our Heavenly Father or pulling out earthly ones?**
- 6. Read 2 Corinthians 10.3-4. How many of you are going through a battle right now, and how hard has it been to honestly give God praise? How does this Scripture help you look at your circumstances differently, despite the mountain you see?**
- 7. Pray for one another over these situations, believing for breakthrough!**