THIS IS OUR GOD

CENTRAL THEME

The song tells the biblical story of a God who loves, saves, hears, remembers, rescues, defeats death, and alone deserves glory. Its repeated call to "remember" echoes Scripture's pattern of looking back at God's past faithfulness as the foundation for present faith.

SIN AS BONDAGE — CHRIST AS LIBERATOR

The opening picture of sin and shame as imprisoning walls reflects Scripture's description of humanity as enslaved to sin. The gospel announces freedom through Christ: His death deals with sin, and His resurrection announces that sin's prison no longer has the final word.

John 8:34–36 • Romans 6:6–7, 17–18 • Colossians 2:13–14

DEATH AND THE GRAVE ARE DEFEATED

The song's "giants" of death and the grave express one of the New Testament's central resurrection themes. Jesus did not merely survive death; through His resurrection He defeated the enemy that humanity could not overcome.

1 Corinthians 15:54–57 • Hebrews 2:14–15 • Revelation 1:17–18

THIS IS WHO GOD IS: HE LOVES AND SAVES

The chorus joins God's character with God's action. He saves because love belongs to who He is. The cross is therefore both an act of rescue and a revelation of God's heart toward us.

John 3:16–17 • Romans 5:8 • 1 John 4:9–10 • Titus 3:4–7

GOD HEARS US IN FEAR AND WEAKNESS

The song remembers seasons when fear was strong and faith was weak, yet God still heard. Scripture repeatedly assures believers that prayer does not depend upon eloquence or emotional strength; God hears His people even in weakness.

Psalm 34:4, 17 • Romans 8:26–27 • Mark 9:24 • 1 Peter 5:7

REMEMBERING GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

The image of "altars in the wilderness" recalls the biblical practice of establishing memorials so later generations would remember what God had done. Remembering past grace strengthens present trust: the God who was faithful then remains faithful now.

Joshua 4:4–7 • 1 Samuel 7:12 • Psalm 77:11–14 • Lamentations 3:21–23

JESUS ALONE RESCUES — JESUS ALONE GETS THE GLORY

The song's questions and answers emphasize that salvation is God's work, not human achievement. Scripture describes God as the One who lifts us from the pit, pays the debt of sin through Christ, and therefore rightly receives the praise.

Psalm 40:1–3 • Ephesians 2:8–9 • 1 Peter 2:24 • Revelation 5:9–13

APPLICATION & DISCUSSION

Which biblical image in the song—walls, giants, wilderness, pit, cross, or grave—most clearly communicates the gospel to you?

Why is remembering God's past faithfulness so important when present faith feels weak?

How does the song connect what God does with who God is?