

Calvary
Baptist Church

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Singing

WELCOME

Why should we do a family devotional?

“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.” - Deuteronomy 6:4-8

As long as there have been a “people of God,” the command given to them has always been that they would be instructing their children in the way of the Lord. Scripture expects parents to be the primary disciplers of their children.

But teaching children is more than simply giving rules. It involves showing them HOW to obey the Lord by doing it yourself! These family devotionals are meant to equip you as an individual to grow in your understanding of the Lord and His Word, as well as providing parents with the resources and opportunities to demonstrate for their children what it looks like to pursue God.

How to use this devotional:

This is simply a resource for you to use however works best for your family! Each day there is a selected Scripture reading, devotional, discussion questions, a prayer prompt, and a song to sing together. You may consider splitting parts and having one family member read the Scripture while another reads the devotional and another leads the prayer. Feel free to read additional Scripture as you call to mind passages that relate to what was read. Sing more hymns and songs with your family than the one provided if you feel led to. Use this guide in whatever way helps you and your family draw nearer to the Lord together.

PAST WORSHIP GUIDES

Are you just now learning about these worship guides? Or maybe you were traveling and missed a week. Don't worry! These worship guides are written in a way so that they can be used for years to come.

All of our past worship guides are available on our website. Feel free to scroll and find the one that works for you and your family. The dates simply help you know when they were written, it doesn't mean you only have to read them the week that they were published!

Find those worship guides here:

https://www.calvaryleavenworth.com/homeworship

MONDAY

We sing because we're commanded to.

Read: Psalm 96:1-6

Julie Andrews has a famous song in The Sound of Music that encourages us to sing. Way before that came a command from Psalm 96, which contains a command to sing to the Lord. The command in Psalm 96 is a command for all the earth to sing to the Lord. There's nothing in there that says you have to sing as beautifully as Julie Andrews. The idea is that you're recognizing the glory that is due to our God. Only God should be the recipient of our praise. Many have said that worship is not just music, which is true. We have, wrongly, conflated worship with only singing and music. Some, though, have overcorrected that conflation. Even though we shouldn't interpret worship to only be singing, we certainly shouldn't remove it from its meaning. We are commanded to sing! To sing praise to the Lord! When you're worshipping privately, do you sing? Don't neglect the command to sing. When you read Scripture, sing a hymn following it and give all the glory to God. There's a reason the largest book in the Bible is a book of songs.

According to Psalm 96, who is supposed to sing to the Lord? What does that teach us about who is invited to worship God?

Why do you think some Christians struggle with singing during corporate worship? What are some excuses we might use to avoid singing?

Why is it important to understand that worship involves more than music but still includes singing?

Do you regularly sing praises to God when you are alone? Why do you think private singing is an important part of our worship?

Pray

Pray that God would accept your offering of worship through singing.

Sing

Holy, Holy, Holy

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea.
Cherubim and seraphim, falling down before thee,
Who was and is and evermore shall be.

Holy, Holy, Holy! though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

TUESDAY

We sing because God is worthy of praise.

Read: Psalm 147:1-7; Revelation 5:9-13

When should we sing praises to God? Should we only sing when our circumstances are good? Should we wait to sing when we feel like it? I dare say we may never sing if we wait for our circumstances and feelings to cooperate. We don't sing praises because of us. We don't sing praises because we feel like it or because God has allowed us to have a good day. We sing praises to God because He, and only He, is worthy of praise. He is worthy for who He is as the all-powerful King of kings and Lord of lords. He is worthy because He is entirely good. God is the author of what is good and He makes all things good. He is worthy of praise because of the saving work that He provided by having Jesus Christ die on a cross for us. We serve a God who is entirely worthy of our praise, love, and devotion. We can give God praise through singing to Him. We can show God our love for Him through singing praises to Him. We can demonstrate our devotion to God by singing to Him. Singing praises God and communicates our dedication to Him.

Why is it easy to sing praises to God when life is going well but more difficult when life is hard?

What are some attributes of God that make Him worthy of our praise regardless of what is happening in our lives?

How does remembering the saving work of Jesus Christ give us a reason to sing even during difficult seasons of life?

Read Psalm 103:1–5. What reasons does David give for blessing and praising the Lord? Which of these reasons is especially meaningful to you right now?

Pray

Tell God all the ways He's worthy of praise based on Psalm 103.

Sing

Is He Worthy?

IS HE WORTHY?

Do you feel the world is broken? We do
Do you feel the shadows deepen? We do
But do you know that all the dark won't stop the light from getting through? We do
Do you wish that you could see it all made new? We do

Is all creation groaning? It is
Is a new creation coming? It is
Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? It is
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? It is

Is anyone worthy?
Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave
He is David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave
Is He worthy?
Is He worthy?
Of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is He worthy of this?
He is

Does the Father truly love us? He does
Does the Spirit move among us? He does
And does Jesus our Messiah hold forever those He loves? He does
Does our God intend to dwell again with us? He does

WEDNESDAY

Singing is a ministry toward others.

Read: Colossians 3:16; Ephesians 5:18-20

Have you ever stopped on a Sunday morning, when the whole church is singing, and simply listened to the Bride lift praises to our God? It can be an encouraging practice to listen to others sing praises. We even have people stop by the church on Tuesday nights just to listen to the worship team practice the next Sunday's worship music. Singing is not only a vertical act of worship between yourself and God. It can also be a ministry of encouragement to others. When others hear you singing praises to the God who is worthy of all praise, there is something supernatural that happens. Singing praises, then, also becomes a horizontal ministry to other believers. Songs filled with biblical truth can teach, admonish, encourage, and strengthen those who hear them. This is a good reason to be careful what you listen to. Be sure to have good worship songs, filled with biblical truth, as a part of your worship diet.

Have you ever been encouraged by listening to someone else sing praises to God? What made that experience meaningful?

The devotional describes singing as both a vertical act of worship (to God) and a horizontal ministry (to others). What does that mean? How can our singing accomplish both?

Have you ever considered that your singing during a Sunday morning worship service could be an encouragement to someone sitting near you? How might that change your approach to corporate worship?

According to Colossians 3:16, singing can teach and admonish one another. How can a song teach biblical truth or lovingly correct someone's thinking?

Pray

Pray that God would give you boldness to sing loud and proud when singing to Him.

Sing

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

CHRIST OUR HOPE IN LIFE AND DEATH

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.
What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong.
Who holds our days within His hand? What comes, apart from His command?
And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.
Where is His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.
Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh; Unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

Unto the grave, what shall we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"
And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him.
There we will rise to meet the Lord, Then sin and death will be destroyed,
And we will feast in endless joy, When Christ is ours forevermore.

Chorus:
O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death.

THURSDAY

Sing with your whole heart.

Read: Psalm 9:1-2

Corporate singing on a Sunday morning can become something of a practice of simply singing the words on the screen. Can we all make a commitment to stop that right now? We should be singing with our whole heart. We should be singing with our hearts turned toward God. Not with our minds of the upcoming Chiefs game, what we're going to eat for lunch, or the fight we had as a family on the way to church. We must have our hearts turned toward the God who is worthy of all glory, honor, and praise. Our singing should be done with intentionality and affection for the One worthy of worship. This means that singing involves more than our voices; it involves (more importantly) our hearts. Our worthy God deserves more than a halfhearted attempt at worship. Mindless participation is not what our God deserves or asks for. He expects and deserves a wholehearted commitment to Him when we engage in the act of singing as worship.

Have you ever caught yourself singing during a worship service while your mind was somewhere completely different? What kinds of things tend to distract you?

Read Matthew 15:8. What does Jesus mean when He says, "This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me"? How might this apply to the way we sing during corporate worship?

Why do you think it is so easy to become mindless or passive during corporate singing?

The devotional says that singing involves more than our voices; it involves our hearts. What does it practically look like to sing with your whole heart?

Pray

Pray that God would help you learn to worship with your whole heart.

Sing

Christus Victor

CHRISTUS VICTOR

O Most High, King of the ages
Great I AM, God of wonders
By the blood, You have redeemed us
Led us through mighty waters
Our strength, our song, our sure salvation

Chorus 1:
Now to the Lamb upon the throne
Be blessing, honor, glory, power
For the battle You have won
Hallelujah! Amen

O Most High, dwelling among us
Son of Man sent for sinners
By Your blood, You have redeemed us
Spotless Lamb, mighty Savior
Who lived, who died, who rose victorious

Chorus 2:
Now to the Lamb upon the throne
Be blessing, honor, glory, power
For the battle You have won
Hallelujah!
With every tribe and every tongue
We join the anthem of the angels
In the triumph of the Son
Hallelujah! Amen

O Most High, King of the nations
Robed in praise, crowned with splendor
On that day, who will not tremble
When You stand, Christ the Victor
Who was, and is, and is forever?

FRIDAY

We will sing for all eternity.

Read: Revelation 15:2-4; 7:9-12

Something that I love about singing is that it is something that can bring all believers together, regardless of tongue, nationality, or background. It's something that brings believers together for the expressed purpose of glorifying God. This is a practice that we will participate in beyond this side of heaven. We sing together in church on Sunday mornings, but that isn't the ultimate picture of the unity of the Church. We will come together as the universal Bride of Christ, lifting our voices in unison to praise the One True God. Singing, then, is not something that only belongs to our earthly experience. God's people will sing for all eternity. We will gather together as the Church, surround His throne of power and grace, and begin to sing praises to Him because of His salvation, power, holiness, and glory. When we sing today, it is but a taste of the awesome privilege that it is to sing praises to our God.

How does remembering that we are part of one universal Church change the way we view corporate worship?

What are some things that can divide believers here on earth? How does singing praises to God help remind us of what unites us?

Have you ever experienced a moment during corporate worship when you felt especially connected to other believers? What made that experience meaningful?

The devotional says that our singing today is just a taste of what we will experience in eternity. What do you imagine will make singing in God's presence different from singing together on Sunday mornings?

Pray

Tell God how much you're looking forward to an eternity of praise.

Sing

Worthy of Worship
(Worthy of Praise)

WORTHY OF WORSHIP (WORTHY OF PRAISE)

Worthy of worship worthy of praise
Worthy of honor and glory
Worthy of all the glad songs we can sing
Worthy of all of the off'rings we bring

Chorus
You are worthy Father Creator
You are worthy Savior Sustainer
You are worthy worthy and wonderful
Worthy of worship and praise

Worthy of rev'rence worthy of fear
Worthy of love and devotion
Worthy of bowing and bending of knees
Worthy of all this and added to these

Almighty Father Master and Lord
King of all kings and Redeemer
Wonderful Counselor Comforter Friend
Savior and Source of our life without end


Oh come,
let us
worship
and bow down;
let us
kneel
before the
Lord,
our Maker!
Psalm 95:6

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“Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you.”

Mark 5:19

