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Sufficient in Christ

WEEKLY WORSHIP TOOLS

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PURPOSE AND SUGGESTED USE

Crosspoint Church has set out to produce an issue of *Weekly Worship Tools* for the encouragement and resourcing of our church body each week. Each Saturday, this guide is published with the hope that it will aid you in being transformed by the gospel and living daily on mission.

This document is structured in two categories: weekend resources and weekday resources. Sundays we gather for Corporate Worship and sit under the teaching of the Word of God as we fellowship together. The first guide listed in the Table of Contents below, "Prepare for Worship," is produced to stir our meditation on the passage to be preached, causing us to prepare our hearts for the message on Sunday. Additionally, we have provided you with a basic outline of the "Sermon Notes" to guide your attention and participation with the Pastor as he works through the message. Furthermore, a set of lyric sheets have been added following the "Prepare for Worship" for your convenience as you join in worship through song on Sunday morning.

A Sermon Discussion Guide and a Daily Worship Guide are provided for individual or household worship through the week. The focus of Monday and Tuesday is an opportunity to look back at the Scripture preached on Sunday. Each Wednesday we will read an Old Testament passage that connects to what is being communicated through our sermon Scripture. Thursday's focus is observing a Psalm that relates to this passage and our immediate context. Fridays begin looking forward to the coming Sunday as we observe the Scripture passage for the coming Corporate Worship gathering.

It is recommended that you use this set of tools alongside your Bible with a way to record any notes, insights, or questions (i.e. in a journal, word doc, etc.) you may have while you study.

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PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

Last Sunday, Pastor Jeremy preached about the core of ministry for all believers from 2 Corinthians 5:18-6:2, namely, we are all reconciled ministers of reconciliation. We have been reconciled to God in Jesus Christ, and he has sent us to proclaim his message of reconciliation to the world.

Read: 2 Corinthians 6:3-13

This Sunday, Pastor Josh Jones will preach from 2 Corinthians 6:3-13. We will consider how the gospel empowers us to persevere in selfless love. As you prepare your heart for our worship service, let this devotional from Milton Vincent point you to this love-enabling power of the gospel.

Reflect: "Stimulated to Love Others"

When my mind is fixed on the gospel, I have ample stimulation to show God's love to other people. For I am always willing to show love to others when I am freshly mindful of the love that God has shown me (Titus 3:1-8). Also, the gospel gives me the wherewithal to give forgiving grace to those who have wronged me, for it reminds me daily of the forgiving grace that God is showing me (Ephesians 4:32; Colossians 3:12-13).

Doing good and showing love to those who have wronged me is always the opposite of what my sinful flesh wants me to do. Nonetheless, when I remind myself of my sins against God and of His forgiving and generous grace toward me, I give the gospel an opportunity to reshape my perspective and to put me in a frame of mind wherein I actually desire to give this same grace to those who have wronged me.

"Stimulated to Love Others," in *A Gospel Primer for Christians*, by Milton Vincent

Sing: Song List for Sunday

1. "The Solid Rock," Arr. Charlie Hall
2. "The Depths of Your Love," by North Wake Music
3. "The Lord Is My Salvation," Arr. Shane & Shane

SONG LYRICS

"THE SOLID ROCK"

Charlie Hall Arrangement

(Verse 1)

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly lean on Jesus' name

(Chorus)

On Christ the solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand

(Verse 2)

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In ev'ry high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil

(Verse 3)

His oath His covenant His blood
Support me in the whelming flood
When all around my soul gives way
He then is all my hope and stay

(Verse 4)

When He shall come with trumpet sound
O may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless to stand before the throne

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SONG LYRICS

"THE DEPTHS OF YOUR LOVE"

North Wake Music

(Verse 1)

Open my eyes to the depths of Your love
Open my heart with grace
For nothing of mine or this world could impart
Such wonderful love to such a loveless heart

(Chorus)

Your love is greater than all of the world, even though I should own
All the empty things they are dust from the earth, they will wither and burn
Oh Your love is the greatest, I could search the whole globe, still I'd find not a soul
Who compares to my Savior, Oh how great Thou art, Lord capture my heart
Would you open my eyes to the depths of Your love

(Verse 2)

My nature changed by the gospel of grace
No longer a slave but free
By the cross of your Son now I am redeemed
Restored by the depths of your love

(Bridge)

No greater love than was sent from above to redeem us for freedom
Daughters and sons now we worship the one who is building in us his Kingdom

(Verse 3)

We follow you outside of the gate
Bearing reproach and shame
Now citizens of your Kingdom of love
We await our Savior King

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SONG LYRICS

"THE LORD IS MY SALVATION"

Shane & Shane Arrangement

(Verse 1)

The grace of God has reached for me
And pulled me from the raging sea
And I am safe on this solid ground
The Lord is my salvation

(Verse 2)

I will not fear when darkness falls
His strength will help me scale these walls
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun
The Lord is my salvation

(Chorus)

Who is like the Lord our God
Strong to save faithful in love
My debt is paid and the victory won
The Lord is my salvation

(Verse 3)

My hope is hidden in the Lord
He flow'rs each promise of His Word
When winter fades I know spring will come
The Lord is my salvation

(Bridge)

Glory be to God the Father
Glory be to God the Son
Glory be to God the Spirit
The Lord is our salvation

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SERMON NOTES

SUFFICIENT IN CHRIST

Persevere in Selfless Love

2 Corinthians 6:3-6:13

Big Idea: A life transformed by the gospel perseveres in selfless love.

I. Selfless Love Displayed (6:3-7)

[3] We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, [4] but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, [5] beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; [6] by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; [7] by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left;

A. Through integrity in life and ministry

B. Through the hardships Paul endured

[4] but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, **IN afflictions, hardships, calamities,**

a. In suffering (affliction, hardships, calamities) –

b. In persecution & self-sacrifice

C. In character produced by the Holy Spirit

[5] beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; [6] by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; [7] by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left;

1. **Purity** (singly devoted to what God called him to; he was pure morally, and his intentions for ministry were pure),

2. **Knowledge** (Paul knew the gospel and he spoke it with clarity),

3. **Patience, kindness, The Holy Spirit, by truthful speech and the power of God.**

4. **With weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left.**

SERMON NOTES

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II. Selfless love is anchored in truth (2 Cor. 6:8-10)

[8] through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; [9] as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; [10] as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

III. Selfless love unceasingly invites others to reconciliation (2 Cor. 6:11-13)

[11] We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians; our heart is wide open. [12] You are not restricted by us, but you are restricted in your own affections. [13] In return (I speak as to children) widen your hearts also.

IV. Conclusion.

- A. Never give up on those you are ministering to.**
- B. Remember that God is always present with his children.**
- C. God will never leave or forsake those who are His.**

Joshua 1:5

I will not leave you, nor forsake you

Paul Tripp, *Suffering*

“This promise in Joshua 1:5 is given numerous times in Scripture. Every time one of God’s children or the whole community of God’s children faced something hard, new, difficult, or overwhelming, God greeted them with this promise. He never called them to a task, sent them to a destination, or led them into difficulty and then abandoned them. No matter how hard the situation or inadequate their response, God was with them and for them.”



Sermon Notes



What book of the Bible are we learning from?

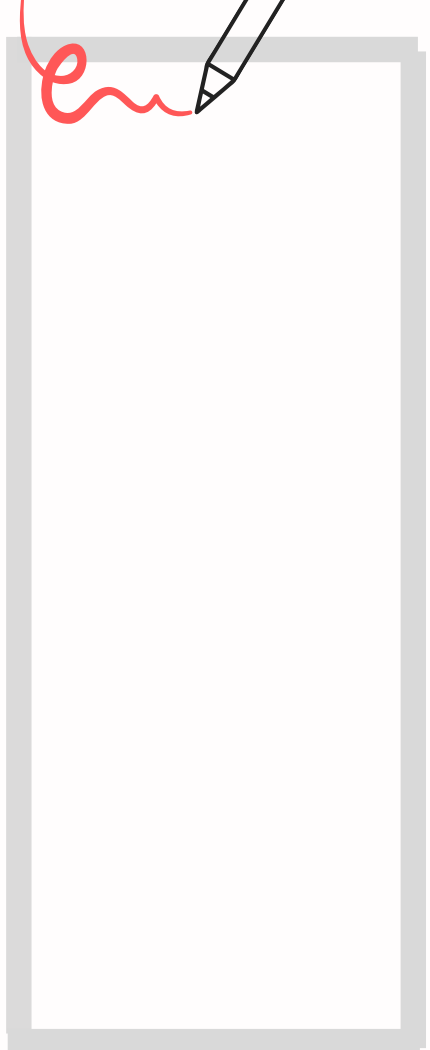


Who's preaching this morning?

What is the big idea of the sermon?

Write down two things that stand out to you from today's sermon.

Did you learn anything new about God, people, or salvation?



SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

OBJECTIVES

1. Pursue growth together.
2. Care for and connect with one another.
3. Persevere in selfless love empowered by the gospel.

DISCUSS

- Who do you know of who has experienced deep adversity in life and maintained a faithful witness of selfless love?
- Read 2 Corinthians 6:3-6:13. What encouraged, convicted, or helped you from this week's message and passage?
- What stands out to you from Paul's various hardships? Recalling the contexts of this letter, why might Paul detail his sufferings for the sake of the gospel?
- How does the gospel shape the way Christians endure hardship and suffering?
- Bringing it closer to home, how can the gospel shape the way you respond to people in the midst of hardship?
- The "prosperity gospel" is a despicable heresy which promises health, wealth, and prosperity as the evidence of faith in Jesus. From this passage, how would Paul respond to such a message?
- What circumstances or adversity in your life has God used to teach you selfless love?

For larger groups, consider using Zoom breakouts for the following questions leading into smaller group prayer time. If using Zoom, you may want to type these questions into the chat.

- In light of this passage, what is one act of obedience the Holy Spirit is calling you toward this week?
- Is there one burden you need help shouldering?
- What is one prayer request you have for personal renewal?

DAILY WORSHIP GUIDE

For Individual or Household Worship

MONDAY, MAY 4, 2020

SELFLESS LOVE

We face daily challenges to selflessly love those in our households and spheres of influence. Paul also faced many challenges to love the churches, and especially the Corinthian church. However, Paul relied upon the grace of God to express the selfless love described by the gospel.

READ: 2 Corinthians 6:3-6:13

- What are some ways Paul expressed love for the Corinthian church?
- What reasons in this passage motivate Paul to take these actions (see verses 3 and 11)? How do these compliment his motivations in 2 Corinthians 5:9-10?
- Today, God has placed opportunities for you to demonstrate selfless love before you. What is one of these opportunities in your life? What is the biggest threat to you demonstrating selfless love today?

PRAY

- Praise God for the ultimate demonstration of selfless love we see in the Lord Jesus.
- Ask God for increasing love which frees you to selflessly love others

SING: "Here is Love," by Matt Redman

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TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2020

SPIRITUAL FRUIT DESPITE DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES

The believer whose life has been reconciled to the Father by Jesus now has the Holy Spirit living in them. Paul evidenced such godly fruit by his selfless love for others amidst difficult circumstances. Similarly, godly fruit can be produced in your life regardless of circumstances as you walk in the Spirit.

READ: Galatians 5:19-24

- Why does Paul use the word “fruit” to describe our behaviors?
- What is the source of your “fruit?” What is the requirement for bearing godly fruit (see v.24)?
- What sin do you need to put off by the power of the Spirit to bear the fruit of the Spirit?

PRAY

- Thank God for His Spirit that indwells believers and bears fruit in our lives.
- Confess specific sin which quenches the Spirit.
- Ask for grace to submit your desires to God and for a heart wholly devoted to please Him.

SING: “Abide With Me,” by Indelible Grace

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2020

SOMETHING BETTER THAN RICHES

We constantly face temptation to believe that earthly riches will bring the satisfaction and joy we long for. The Proverbs show us that something is far better than riches -- walking in wisdom in the fear of God.

READ: Proverbs 16:16-19

- Locate each time the word "better" is used. Say or write these proverbs in your own words.
- What is wisdom? How can it be gained?
- What does it mean to guard your way (v. 17)? How may we do this?
- What step of obedience do you need to take today as a result of meditating on these proverbs?

PRAY

- Thank God for more lasting satisfaction and joy in Him than can be found in anything of this world.
- Repent of how you have not "guarded your way."
- Ask for faith to daily believe God's Word is true.

SING: "Be Thou My Vision," by Norton Hall Band

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THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2020

WHEN TROUBLES ABOUND, REMEMBER THE LORD

Observe the 3-part nature of this Psalm of lament. The first section (vv. 1-9) shows the Psalmist's struggle, the second (vv. 10-15) detail the Psalmist's response, and the final section (vv. 16-20) reveal the Psalmist's renewed hope and confidence in God as deliverer.

READ: Psalm 77

- How does the Psalmist describe the ways he is personally responding to his difficulty (vv. 1-10)? How can you relate to the Psalmist?
- What characteristics and activities of God is the Psalmist choosing to remember (vv. 11-20)? How does remembering God in times of difficulty encourage believers?
- The final comfort of the Psalmist in v. 20 recalls God "led his people like a flock." How did the Lord do this? How is this comforting for you in the midst of daily struggles?

PRAY

- Share honestly with God how you are feeling about your present concerns.
- What attributes of God in vv. 10-15 are praise worthy? Praise Him.
- Ask the Lord to help you call to mind the ways he has graciously redeemed in the past, and then pour forth that remembrance with praise, thanksgiving, and obedience.

SING: "It is Well with My Soul," by Passion

DAILY WORSHIP GUIDE

For Individual or Household Worship

FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2020

GOD DWELLS WITH MAN

One of the great themes of the Bible is how God intends to dwell with his people. Praise God, since Christ ascended and sent the Holy Spirit, God's presence indwells all who are His. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we are part of "God's building" and our lives are to be set apart (holy) as a result.

READ: 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1

- What does God promise for his people (vv. 16b-18)?
- How have God's promises (7:1) been already fulfilled? How will they fulfilled even more in the future?
- What step of obedience do you need to take as you walk in holiness?

PRAY

- Thank God for his indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit in you.
- Consider ways you are failing to walk in righteousness and holiness, and confess your shortcomings to the Lord.
- Ask God to help grow you in fearing Him that you might practice holy living.

SING: "Holy, Holy, Holy," by Audrey Assad

THIS WEEKEND, MAY 9-10, 2020

This weekend, continue reading this passage alongside the "Prepare for Worship" article in preparation for Sunday's worship service. Consider the following questions as you read.

- What encourages you in this passage?
- What new thoughts stand out to you in this passage?