

# THE GREAT I AM

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WEEKLY WORSHIP TOOLS

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# PURPOSE AND SUGGESTED USE

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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 is an opportunity to look back at the Scripture preached on Sunday. Tuesday brings in a related New Testament scriptural focus. 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, Ronnie Morris preached the sermon, “Jesus Is the Good Shepherd Who Is Entirely Trustworthy,” from John 10:11-21. We considered three reasons for Jesus’ trustworthiness: 1) He owns us. 2) He knows us and makes himself known to us. 3) He sovereignly laid down his life for our salvation. We then considered the present reality that Jesus is still calling his sheep; therefore, we must listen to him alone and obey his voice, for he alone is entirely trustworthy.

**Read: John 11:17-44**

This Sunday, Will Jackson will preach from John 11:17-44, where Jesus proclaims: “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die” (John 11:25–26). Because of the hope of the resurrection, we can trust God’s goodness and his greatness as he sovereignly carries out his plan of restoration through Christ. Even when circumstances in life do not make sense to us, like Martha and Mary experienced in the event of Lazarus’ death, the certain hope of resurrection assures us that God is, in fact, working all things together for our good and his glory.

**Reflect: “Your Hope Is as Alive as Jesus”**

*[3] Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, [4] to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, [5] who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. - 1 Peter 1:3–5*

God has caused us to be born again to a living hope, a hope which Peter makes deliberately distinct from a lot of the other hopes we’ve known. We hope all the time, and we’re often disappointed. *I hope I get an A on that test. I hope they hire me. I hope she says yes. I hope we can get a new car. I hope he remembers our anniversary.* Our hopes don’t always come true.

This is not the kind of hope we have in God. Our hope in God is unlike any we’ve ever had, and that is because there is a moment in history that sets this hope apart from any other.

# PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

Peter writes, "...he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead... (1 Peter 1:3)." The tomb could not hold the living, breathing, scarred, but victorious body of our Jesus. The man who claimed to be God, who committed no sin (1 Peter 2:22), and who died before hostile crowds, appeared *again*, just days later, before crowds bearing the wounds of the cross, but demonstrating a power and victory over it. He is *alive*.

And here in verse 3, Peter connects *this* life, the God-man's life after death, witnessed by hundreds, celebrated at Easter, with your hope. Believer, if Jesus lives, you will live. God established and secured your hope when he raised his Son. Therefore, your hope is as alive as Jesus.

You're going to be tempted to assess God's faithfulness to deliver you by your circumstance, but the *better* test is the man standing beside the rolled away boulder, a place where angels say, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? ...Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen."

When everyone who had followed Jesus watched him suffer and die, they thought their hope had been crucified with him. But our hope did not die at Calvary. No, at the darkest moment of all, when defeat seemed certain, God was sealing our hope, enthroning it for all eternity in his Son.

As painful and heartbreaking as some of our days have been and will be, none will come close to the day we crucified the Lord. And yet even in that scene, God was big and strong and wise and merciful and present — he was there — bringing about his plan to save us and secure our hope forever.

So when our flesh finally succumbs to death, when our body ultimately fails us by whatever means and at whatever age, the living Jesus assures us that we *will* live — and that we'll live like never before. Our lives then and there with Jesus will be more full, more glorious — *complete*.

# PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

When life gives you pause about God’s goodness and faithfulness — when people fail and hurt you, when work oppresses you, when finances plague you, when you are rejected or offended because of your faith, when tornadoes tear through a town... more than once — we have a picture, *better*, a person, a living Jesus, who can still our hearts and instill trust and courage where fear, and doubt, and confusion have crept in. As long as Jesus lives — and he will never die again — and our hope is in him, our hope lives with him.

Excerpt from the Article, “Your Hope Is as Alive as Jesus,” by Marshall Segal, July 8, 2013, [desiringgod.org](http://desiringgod.org)

## Sing: Song List for Sunday

1. “The Veil Was Torn,” by Crosspoint Music
2. “Only a Holy God,” by CityAlight
3. “Praise the King,” Arr. Shane & Shane

# SONG LYRICS

## "THE VEIL WAS TORN" Crosspoint Music

(Verse 1)

Come and see  
The risen Son  
Come and see what he has done  
He came to earth  
Faced the darkness and won  
As the life  
The light of men  
He became flesh and entered in  
Our broken world  
To restore all things again

(Pre-Chorus)

And he spoke the words  
That brought in hope to hopeless ones  
And he loved the loveless in their shame  
And he bore the wrath  
Reserved for sinners lost in death  
He shined his light  
For all the world to see

(Chorus)

As the veil was torn  
And the light broke forth  
The darkness of sin fled away  
Now the morning's come  
And the Day has won  
The night is defeated by grace  
Christ has defeated the grave

(Verse 2)

Come and rest  
By his side  
As the darkness fades to light  
Do not fear  
Come oh children now and rise  
For now we are  
The righteous ones  
And when we see the coming Son  
We will shine  
In the likeness of our King Jesus

(Bridge)

The darkness will not overcome  
Your light because the day has won  
There is no need for us to fear  
Emmanuel our God is here

Ronnie Morris | Tanner Sharpe | Ryan Heard  
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# SONG LYRICS

## "ONLY A HOLY GOD"

CityAlight

(Verse 1)

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven  
Who else could make every king bow down  
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles  
Only a Holy God

(Verse 2)

What other beauty demands such praises  
What other splendour outshines the sun  
What other majesty rules with justice  
Only a Holy God

(Chorus)

Come and behold Him  
The One and the Only  
Cry out sing holy  
Forever a Holy God  
Come and worship the Holy God

(Verse 3)

What other glory consumes like fire  
What other power can raise the dead  
What other name remains undefeated  
Only a Holy God

(Verse 4)

Who else could rescue me from my failing  
Who else would offer His only Son  
Who else invites me to call Him Father  
Only a Holy God  
Only my Holy God

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# SONG LYRICS

## "PRAISE THE KING"

Shane & Shane Arrangement

(Verse 1)

There's a reason why the curse of sin is broken  
There's a reason why the darkness runs from light  
There's a reason why we stand here now forgiven  
Jesus is alive

(Verse 2)

There's a reason why we are not overtaken  
There's a reason why we sing on through the night  
There's a reason why our hope remains eternal  
Jesus is alive

(Chorus)

Praise the King He is risen  
Praise the King He's alive  
Praise the King death's defeated  
Hallelujah He's alive  
(Hallelujah He's alive)

(Verse 3)

There's a reason why our hearts can be courageous  
There's a reason why the dead are made alive  
There's a reason why we share His resurrection  
Jesus is alive

(Bridge)

The grave could not ignore it  
When all of heaven's roaring  
Hell where is your victory  
Death where is your sting  
The world could not ignore it  
When all the saints are roaring  
Hell where is your victory  
Death where is your sting

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# SERMON NOTES

## OUR LIVING HOPE

John 11:17-44

Big Idea – The Resurrection reminds us God is always good and always perfect.

1. Because of the Resurrection, we can always trust God's Goodness (who he is)

- a. Jesus' character is called into question (vv. 21, 32, 37)
- b. Jesus has compassion for those he loves (vv. 33-36)
- c. Jesus reverses the curse of sin (vv. 38-44)

We see the passage call us to trust God's good character. In what ways might you be holding grievances against God? Where are you tempted to do that?

2. Because of the Resurrection, we can always trust God's Greatness (what he is)

- a. Jesus is God (vv. 3-4, 14-15, 22-27, 40-44)
- b. Jesus reveals God's divine plan (vv. 3-4, 14-15, 23-26, 40-41)

In what ways are you being shortsighted in your faith with respect to God's power and his plan?

- c. Jesus is the plan to save the world (vv. 25-27, 38-44)

### Christ's Resurrection:

- i. Gives us new life (Romans 6:4-5)
- ii. Gives us hope (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)
- iii. Gives us purpose (Romans 8:18-23)

As we look to the second half of 2020, how can you live according to your resurrection-purpose?



# 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  
doodles**

# SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

## OBJECTIVES

1. Pursue growth together.
2. Care for and connect with one another.
3. See how the Resurrection reveals Gods character and sovereignty as well as calls us to live according to our resurrection-purpose.

## DISCUSS

- What words would you use to describe the emotions that a funeral generates? Why does death make us feel like this? What does the Bible say about the reasons that death exists?
- Read John 11:17-44. What encouraged, convicted, or helped you from this week's message and passage?
- How does this passage present 1) God as caring (good) and 2) as great?
- In what ways may we be holding grievances against God? How does this passage enhance our understanding of God's goodness beyond our immediate circumstances?
- Observe Martha & Mary's respective lament (vv. 21-24, 32). How are they short-sighted in their expectations for how Jesus would care for their dying brother? In what ways may we likewise be short-sighted with respect to God's greatness?
- How does the hope of the resurrection impact our perspective on the Great Commission?
- How might you live according to your resurrection-purpose?

**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, JULY 13, 2020

### GRUMBLING AT GOD'S TIMING

This week, we'll consider again Jesus's statement "I am the resurrection and the life" and study related passages on this theme throughout the Scriptures.

### READ: John 11:17-44

- From her words, how is Martha feeling? What does Martha reveal about her faith (or future hope) (v. 24)?
- Though Martha's theology is correct, why does she miss out on the present comfort the Lord would minister to her?
- How are you, like Martha, trying to believe, yet complaining at God's timing on his activity?
- What hope does Jesus's words in vv. 25-26 give you? "Do you believe this?" (vv. 26 b)

### PRAY

- Confess ways you grumble at God's timing.
- Thank Jesus for the hope of resurrection from the dead.

SING: "All the Way My Savior Leads Me," Baptist Hymnal #62

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VYzzHSetf4A>)

# DAILY WORSHIP GUIDE

## For Individual or Household Worship

### TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2020

#### HOPE FOR TODAY

The resurrection of Jesus Christ had such power as to secure our salvation from death so that we might share in His resurrection to everlasting life. The guarantee of our future glory with Christ is a true and unfading hope which propels us forward in our daily lives, even in the midst of difficulty and weariness.

#### READ: 1 Peter 1:3-9

- How does Jesus' resurrection and ascension provide the guarantee of our eternal salvation (vv. 3-5)?
- What are you tempted to seek for hope and comfort when you experience difficulties? In what ways do the resurrection of Jesus and the promise of our resurrection to eternal life bring us joy in the midst of hard times (vv. 6-7)?
- Observe and explain the dual realities we experience described in vv. 8-9 (what we experience now and will experience later in glory).

#### PRAY

- Recount the gospel out loud as you pray to the Lord, focusing on the power of Christ's resurrection and what it means for you. Praise God for those truths!
- Ask God to help you have joy and hope in the midst of difficulty by reminding yourself of the resurrection of Christ and what that means for you.
- Pray for the Lord to help you love and believe in Him more than you ever have. Pray that this love and faith would result in greater joy and glory to God.

**SING:** "Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed!," by Keith and Kristyn Getty

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OX-Xt-vBYPc>)

# DAILY WORSHIP GUIDE

## For Individual or Household Worship

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2020

#### RESURRECTION HOPE

Ezekiel is charged by God to prophesy to Israel in exile from the promised land. Represented by the innumerable dry bones in the valley, Israel's hope will certainly be restored, and they will again enter the land of promise. In this sense, Israel will have new life; however, this hope of Israel's restoration ultimately points to the restoration of God's people in the final resurrection upon Christ's return.

#### READ: Ezekiel 37:12-14

- How does Israel know that God is, in fact, God?
- Read Ephesians 2:1-7. How is Ezekiel's vision of the dry bones ultimately fulfilled by Christ Jesus and for what purpose?
- How does God's promise of the future resurrection at Christ's return impact your perspective on your present life, circumstances, and the mission to which you are called: to make disciples of all people for God's glory?

#### PRAY

- Praise God for our sure hope of resurrection in Jesus Christ and the hope that it brings for today.
- Ask God to help you live according to this hope and by the power of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you.
- Ask God to freshly motivate you by the hope and power of the resurrection to boldly evangelize and make more disciples of Christ, that they may also share in our glorious hope of his resurrection.

SING: "Praise the King," by Corey Voss

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5BTQKkqINTg>)

# DAILY WORSHIP GUIDE

## For Individual or Household Worship

### THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2020

#### DELIVERED FROM SIN AND DEATH

In this Psalm, David was greatly afflicted as he found himself near death and burdened over his sin. Yet the Lord's anger did not persist when David sought him. David was delivered and gave praise and thanksgiving to God for His mercy and favor. As Christians, our deliverance from sin and death was ultimately achieved in Christ. Therefore, like David, we may joyously sing songs of praise and thanksgiving knowing Christ is our eternal life.

#### READ: Psalm 30

- For what reasons did David appear to be distressed as he recounts his testimony in Psalm 30? How is God's deliverance seen in this passage?
- What was David's response to 1) the revelation of his sin (vv. 6-10) and 2) his deliverance from death (vv. 1-5, 11-12)?
- Amidst his mourning and distress, to what truth about God did David cling? How is this instructive for believers today?
- How might David's words lead Christians to ponder and act in light of the gospel of Jesus fulfilled?

#### PRAY

- Use the words of this Psalm to confess your own sin and plead for mercy, to express your mourning and the stresses you face today, and to give thanks to the Lord for His eternal favor and deliverance of those in Christ.
- Pray for someone with whom you can share the glory of God's deliverance from sin and death in Christ.

SING: "Yet Not I, But Through Christ In Me," by CityAlight  
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zundjUFazfg>)



# DAILY WORSHIP GUIDE

## For Individual or Household Worship

### FRIDAY, JULY 17, 2020

#### GOD'S DESIGN FOR MARRIAGE

This Sunday, Dr. Jim Newheiser will be preaching from Genesis 2 “God’s Design for Marriage.” In Genesis 1, the Bible gives a broad description of the creation of the universe. In Genesis 2, the narrative focuses on the creation of Adam and Eve. One of the goals in this text is to establish the reason and importance of marriage.

#### READ: Genesis 2:18-25

- What does v. 18 point out about the state of man? What does v. 25 state about the man’s situation?
- Why is Eve fit to be a helper for Adam?
- The concept of “one flesh” has many facets, but the idea of unity is primary. How does marital unity prevent shame?
- Read Ephesians 5:28-31, where Genesis 2:24 is quoted. How is unity displayed between Christ and His church?

#### PRAY

- Praise God for His kindness to provide for the deepest needs of His people.
- Thank God for His institutions of marriage and the church which bless His people.
- Ask God to bless the marriages within our church so they exhibit a God-pleasing unity.

**SING:** “God, Give Us Christian Homes,” Baptist Hymnal #504

([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Y1Y1Fz\\_-go](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Y1Y1Fz_-go))