

# THE GREAT I AM

THE EIGHT / AM STATEMENTS OF JESUS

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, Pastor Jason Finley preached the message: “God Finishes What He Begins” from Philippians 1:6. Jason showed us that when we doubt God is a faithful finisher, we need to remember God’s unchanging character, purposeful plans, and glorious revealing of Jesus Christ on the final day.

## **Read: John 8:48-59**

This Sunday, Pastor Ken will begin our summer series: The Great I Am: The Eight I Am Statements of Jesus. We will consider together John 8:48-59, where Jesus reveals that he is in fact the God of the universe—the Great I Am—and that whoever keeps his word will never see death.

Upon Jesus’ declaration that he is the Great I Am, the Jews were so offended that they picked up stones to throw at him. This clearly reveals their self-righteous hatred for Jesus. He did not fit into their ideal understanding of who God is and what his plans were; therefore, they sought to rid themselves of this enemy to their self-righteous, self-centered kingdom. They did not like Jesus’ identity or message because he exposed their deep depravity and helplessness to save themselves from that depravity. “For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed” (John 3:20). Jesus’ message to them was simple: Jesus is God and if anyone believes him and keeps his word, that person will never see death. Herein lies the great paradox of the Christian life. The way to never see death is through death. Through Christ’s death, we must die to our own self-righteous, self-centered life in order that through Christ’s resurrection we may also abundantly live in Christ’s righteousness for his glory alone. “But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God” (John 3:21).”

As you prepare for Sunday worship, let this devotional from Milton Vincent aid you in further reflection upon this glorious truth.

# PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

## Reflect: “All Things Crucified”

Thankfully, the gospel teaches me that dying is not an end, but a beginning. For after Christ took up His cross and died, God raised Him from the dead (Ephesians 1:20), exalted Him to the highest heaven (Philippians 2:8-9), and drew Him into His bosom (John 1:18). These facts surrounding Christ’s resurrection stand as proof positive that God will not leave me for dead, but will raise me similarly, if I would only allow myself to die. Indeed, on the other side of each layer of dying lie experiences of a life with God that are far richer, far higher, and far more intimate than anything I would have otherwise known (Romans 6:4).

In God’s economy, death is the way to life. “Whoever wishes to save his life will lose it,” Jesus says, “but whoever loses His life for My sake, he shall find it (Luke 9:24).” Indeed, the more conformable I am made to the death of Christ, the more I experience freedom from sin (Romans 6:6-7) and taste the power of the resurrection of Jesus Himself (Philippians 3:8-10). The path to such power is paved with many dyings, and each stage of resurrection is achieved with each incident of dying to myself and reckoning myself dead to sin (Romans 6:11).

The more I contemplate the gospel, the more I understand that this “word of the cross (1 Corinthians 1:18)” stands as a blueprint for my own life story. The death that Christ died is the death to which I also am called, and the death to which I am called is my entry point to union with Christ and life at its fullest (Romans 6:5). So, come what may, I’ll let no one take this death from me!

“All Things Crucified, Part II,” in *A Gospel Primer for Christians*, by Milton Vincent

## Sing: Song List for Sunday

1. “Great I Am,” by New Life Worship
2. “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name,” Arr. Shane & Shane
3. “King of Kings,” by Hillsong Worship

# SONG LYRICS

## "GREAT I AM" New Life Worship

(Verse 1)

I wanna be close close to Your side  
So Heaven is real and death is a lie  
I wanna hear voices of angels above  
Singing as one

(Chorus)

Hallelujah holy holy  
God Almighty great I Am  
Who is worthy none beside Thee  
God Almighty great I Am

(Verse 2)

I wanna be near near to Your heart  
Loving the world hating the dark  
I wanna see dry bones living again  
Singing as one

(Bridge)

The mountains shake before You  
The demons run and flee  
At the mention of Your name King of majesty  
There is no pow'r in hell or any who can stand  
Before the power and the Presence of the great I Am  
The great I Am (5X)

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# SONG LYRICS

## "ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS NAME" Shane & Shane Arrangement

(Verse 1)

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name  
Let angels prostrate fall  
Bring forth the royal diadem  
And crown Him Lord of all  
Bring forth the royal diadem  
And crown Him Lord of all

(Verse 2)

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race  
Ye ransomed from the fall  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace  
And crown Him Lord of all  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace  
And crown Him Lord of all

(Verse 3)

Let ev'ry kindred ev'ry tribe  
On this terrestrial ball  
To Him all majesty ascribe  
And crown Him Lord of all  
To Him all majesty ascribe  
And crown Him Lord of all

(Tag)

Crown Him with many crowns  
The Lamb upon His throne  
Hark how the heavenly anthem drowns  
All music but it's own  
Awake my soul and sing  
Of Him who died for thee  
And hail Him as thy matchless King  
Through all eternity

(Verse 4)

O that with yonder sacred throng  
We at His feet may fall  
We'll join the everlasting song  
And crown Him Lord of all  
We'll join the everlasting song  
And crown Him Lord of all

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# SONG LYRICS

## "KING OF KINGS"

Hillsong Worship

(Verse 1)

In the darkness we were waiting  
Without hope without light  
Till from Heaven You came running  
There was mercy in Your eyes  
To fulfil the law and prophets  
To a virgin came the Word  
From a throne of endless glory  
To a cradle in the dirt

(Chorus)

Praise the Father  
Praise the Son  
Praise the Spirit three in one  
God of Glory  
Majesty  
Praise forever to the King of Kings

(Verse 2)

To reveal the kingdom coming  
And to reconcile the lost  
To redeem the whole creation  
You did not despise the cross  
For even in Your suffering  
You saw to the other side  
Knowing this was our salvation  
Jesus for our sake You died

(Verse 3)

And the morning that You rose  
All of heaven held its breath  
Till that stone was moved for good  
For the Lamb had conquered death  
And the dead rose from their tombs  
And the angels stood in awe  
For the souls of all who'd come  
To the Father are restored

(Verse 4)

And the Church of Christ was born  
Then the Spirit lit the flame  
Now this Gospel truth of old  
Shall not kneel shall not faint  
By His blood and in His Name  
In His freedom I am free  
For the love of Jesus Christ  
Who has resurrected me

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# SERMON NOTES

## JESUS IS THE GREAT I AM

John 8:48-59

Big Idea: Jesus is the great I Am. He is God who saves us and He meets all our needs.

I. Jesus is the great I Am (8:56-59).

A. He claimed that Abraham had a preview of his ministry and had rejoiced in it (v. 56).

[56] Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.”

- How and when did Abraham see Christ’s life and ministry?

(1) This may refer to the promise God gave Abraham that his seed should become the channel of divine blessing to all the nations (Gen. 12:3).

Genesis 12:1-3

[1] Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. [2] And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. [3] I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

Galatians 3:7-9

[7] Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham. [8] And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “In you shall all the nations be blessed.” [9] So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

Galatians 3:16

Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, “And to offsprings,” referring to many, but referring to one, “And to your offspring,” who is Christ.

(2) This may refer to the Abrahams personal experience with his son Isaac who God commanded to sacrifice (Gen. 22:1-18; Heb. 11:17-19).

# SERMON NOTES

## JESUS IS THE GREAT I AM

John 8:48-59

### B. He claimed to be God (vv. 58; Exodus 3:11-15)

[58] Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.”

- The meaning is not that Jesus just existed before Abraham, but that he always existed.
- Where does the phrase “I am” come from and what does it mean?

### Exodus 3:13–15

[13] Then Moses said to God, “If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” [14] God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel: ‘I AM has sent me to you.’” [15] God also said to Moses, “Say this to the people of Israel: ‘The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.’ This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.

- God is eternal. He has no beginning or end!
- God is independent. He does not need anyone or anything!
- Everything depends on God. The universe He created is absolutely, totally dependent on him!
- God does not change. He is perfect!
- God is sovereign. He rules over all creation as King!
- God is worthy of our worship. He is to be cherished and treasured above all else!

### The New City Catechism

**Question:** What is God?

**Answer:** God is the creator and sustainer of everyone and everything. He is eternal, infinite, and unchangeable in his power and perfection, goodness and glory, wisdom, justice, and truth. Nothing happens except through him and by his will. Scripture: Psalm 86:8-10, 15

# SERMON NOTES

## JESUS IS THE GREAT I AM

John 8:48-59

### II. Jesus, the great I Am, saves us.

#### A. The saved abide in His Word (vv. 31, 47a).

[31] So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples,

- A true disciple hears, believes, and obeys God's Word!

#### B. The saved experience victory over sin (vv. 32, 32-36).

[32] and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

[33] They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?"

[34] Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin.

[35] The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever.

[36] So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

- A true disciple knows he needs a savior that sets him free from the penalty of sin and the power of sin!

#### C. The saved love Jesus (v. 42).

[42] Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and I am here. I came not of my own accord, but he sent me.

- A true disciple loves, worships, and serves Jesus with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength!

#### D. The saved have hope of eternal life (vv. 51).

[51] Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death."

- A true disciple knows that death does not have the final word. They believe that Jesus conquered death, hell, and the grave through His death, burial, and resurrection!

# SERMON NOTES

## JESUS IS THE GREAT I AM

John 8:48-59

III. Jesus, the great I Am, meets all our needs.

- A. "I am the Bread of Life." (6:35, 48, 51) - Ryan Heard (6/14)
- B. "I am the Door of the Sheep." (10:7, 9) - Pastor Ken Lewis (6/21)
- C. "I am the Light of the World." (8:12; 9:5) - Pastor Josh Jones (6/28)
- D. "I am the Good Shepherd." (10:11, 14) - Ronnie Morris (7/5)
- E. "I am the Resurrection and the Life." (11:25) - Will Jackson (7/12)
- F. "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life." (14:6) - Pastor Jeremy Chasteen (7/26)
- G. "I am the Vine." (15:1, 5) - Pastor Jason Finley (8/2)



# 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. Believe Jesus is the great I Am. He is God who saves us and He meets all our needs.

## DISCUSS

- In what ways is Jesus misunderstood or misrepresented by people today?
- Read John 8:48-59. What encouraged, convicted, or helped you from this week's message and passage?
- What was Jesus saying about His true nature when He said "Before Abraham was, I am?" Why would this have been alarming to the Jews? Why is this claim alarming for all people?
- To what was Jesus referring when He said "Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad?"
- What in the passage demonstrates our true need? [pride, sin, glory of self, death]
- How is man prone to miss to the depth of their need? In what ways do humans fail to see the true nature of Christ?
- In this passage we see a display of misplaced/phony faith in the Jews (i.e. I can obey/know God without Jesus). What are the marks of a true believer? [one with genuine faith believes God's Word and abides in it; they are free from penalty of sin; they love Jesus; they persevere through difficulty; they understand their helplessness and inability to save themselves; they believe in the deity of Jesus; see Heb. 11 for further study]
- Because Jesus is the great I AM, how should believers live differently?

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, JUNE 8, 2020

#### JESUS THE GOD-MAN

When Jesus said, “Before Abraham was, I am,” He emphasized the reality that He is God, the Messiah long-awaited. Being God, Jesus has complete control over life and death, and those who believe in Him will never die.

#### READ: John 8:48-59

- What can we learn about the relationship between the Son and the Father (vv. 49-51, 54-55)?
- Why was Jesus able to say, “Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death” (v. 51)? What does he mean?
- Why does Jesus say “Before Abraham was, I am” instead of “Before Abraham was, I was” (v. 58)? What is he implying about his deity and how he is different from Abraham, or other humans in general?

#### PRAY

- Praise our triune God: Father, Son, and Spirit. Worship Jesus as the eternal Son of God.
- Thank God for sending Jesus to show His kingdom and reconcile sinners to Himself.

**SING:** “All Glory Be to Christ,” by Bob Kauflin from Together for the Gospel Live III  
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HCOhk-O472U>)

# DAILY WORSHIP GUIDE

## For Individual or Household Worship

### TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2020

#### THE PREEMINENCE OF CHRIST

God was doing great things in the church at Colossae, but there was a problem. Some people began to create rules that they said everyone had to follow if they wanted to be right with God. Paul responded in this letter to teach them they just needed to trust and follow Jesus. He is greater than everything! Jesus is the son of God, He created everything, existed before everything, and keeps the whole world going.

#### READ: Colossians 1:15-20

- What do you learn about Jesus from this passage?
- In vs. 17 we learn that Jesus holds all things together. How should this encourage us as we trust him with our daily lives and the events going on in our world?
- What was the price of God paid for reconciliation?
- According to verse 20, how are we able to experience God's peace?

#### PRAY

- Pick 2 ideas from the verse for which you can praise God.
- Ask God to deepen your trust in and love for Jesus today.
- Pray for 1 person who does not worship Jesus as Savior.

SING: "How Deep the Father's Love for Us," by Stuart Townend  
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tzQj7XvKFmA>)

# DAILY WORSHIP GUIDE

## For Individual or Household Worship

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2020

#### THE ONE WHO IS I AM

After growing up as an Egyptian prince, Moses fled to the wilderness where he lived for 40 years as a shepherd. During this time, as God's people cried for deliverance from slavery, God faithfully remembered his promise to His people. God revealed himself to Moses to show him his nature and call Moses to lead the Israelites out of slavery. God told Moses his name: I am who I am. This personal name of God is transliterated as the word "Yahweh."

#### READ: Exodus 3:1-15

- How does God reveal Himself to Moses?
- What language is used to describe both His nature and His presence in this passage? (see vv. 5-6, 12, 14-15)
- What is Moses asking for when he requests God to tell him His Name? What does God's response, "I Am Who I Am," say about who He is?
- What is the significance of knowing who God is?

#### PRAY

- Praise Yahweh that he has revealed Himself as a personal God who is Holy.
- Pray God's name will be proclaimed throughout our community and among the nations.

**SING:** "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty," arranged by Keith & Kristyn Getty  
([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zEAUTBOCn\\_U](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zEAUTBOCn_U))

# DAILY WORSHIP GUIDE

## For Individual or Household Worship

### THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2020

#### ACCEPT AND SERVE THE SON

The two “orphan psalms” (because they have no designated author or occasion) begin the Psalter. Psalm 1 contrasts the way of the righteous from the wicked. Here in Psalm 2 a further contrast is presented that wise rulers will submit to the King that God has established, while wicked kings will seek to rebel. The Lord’s chosen ruler is so close to God that he is identified as His son. Acts 13:33 confirms that Jesus is the greatest fulfillment of the ruling Son of God.

#### READ: Psalm 2:7-12

- What does the Lord proclaim in verse 7? What are the implications of this in verses 8-12?
- Why would rulers not want to serve and submit to the Lord’s Son? Why do we struggle to serve and submit to Him today?
- God calls Jesus His Son (Matt 3:17, 17:5). In light of who Jesus is and what He has done for His people, what encourages you to want to submit and serve Him?

#### PRAY

- Ask for a godly fear (Proverbs 1:7) that makes you wise to desire to submit and serve Jesus.
- Pray that those who have not trusted Christ here and across the nations (verse 8) will come to believe the truth about Jesus and place their trust in Him.

**SING:** “A Mighty Fortress is Our God,” arranged by Chris Rice  
([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bONV\\_YZCKdg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bONV_YZCKdg))

# DAILY WORSHIP GUIDE

## For Individual or Household Worship

### FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2020

#### JESUS, THE BREAD OF LIFE

Jesus declares in this passage that he is the bread of life. He gives a life far greater than literal manna or bread that is eaten. Jesus declares his supremacy through this “I AM” statement. This passage follows the accounts of Jesus healing and feeding people. In those passages, Jesus met physical needs; in this passage, Jesus speaks of the spiritual need all people have and how He alone is the “bread of life.”

**READ:** John 6:22-59 (consider focusing on vv. 47-51)

- How does Jesus respond to the disciples questions in v. 25, v. 28 and v. 30? Why do you think they asked Jesus these questions?
- What are repeated words or phrases in this Scripture passage? Based on the context of this passage, why do you think these phrases are repeated?
- How does Jesus describe this “bread of life” and how is the “bread of life” different from manna or earthly/physical bread?
- How could you use this passage to share the good news of Christ?

#### PRAY

- Thank God for being the true bread of life who gives eternal life to all who trust Him.
- Ask the Lord to prepare your heart for Sunday’s sermon.
- Pray for someone that you would like to share the good news of Christ with or invite to consider the “I am” statements as a way of learning about the person of Christ.

**SING:** ““Just as I Am,” by Fernando Ortega

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sc4o83EZ1nM>)

# DAILY WORSHIP GUIDE

For Individual or Household Worship

## THIS WEEKEND, JUNE 13-14, 2020

This weekend, continue reading John 6:22-59 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?