## IF GOD HAS DONE GREAT THINGS FOR YOU — SAY SO!

Celebrating 35 Years of God's Goodness and Faithfulness

### **INTRODUCTION — IT'S CELEBRATION TIME!**

We are celebrating **35 years of ministry** — 35 years of God's grace, faithfulness, and victory! Every healed heart, saved soul, and transformed life is evidence of His goodness.

# Psalm 107:1-2 (KJV)

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good: for His mercy endureth for ever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom He hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy.

If God has done **great things for you, say so!**If God has done **great things through you, say so!**Don't let the devil rob you of your joy — it's time to **praise, remember, and rejoice** 

#### 1. GOD DESERVES PUBLIC PRAISE

### Psalm 126:2-3 (KJV)

Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing... The LORD hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad.

Praise is not optional — it's our response to God's goodness.

### **Illustration:**

When your team wins, you don't whisper — you shout!

The same should be true when you remember what God has done for you.

**Power Point** - Our celebration brings **glory to God** and **hope to others**. When we rejoice, others realize that *the same God who blessed us can bless them too!* 

### 2. DON'T LET THE ENEMY STEAL YOUR JOY

### John 10:10 / Nehemiah 8:10

The thief cometh not, but for to steal... The joy of the Lord is your strength.

**Note** -Satan can't take your salvation, but he'll try to take your *celebration*. Because if he steals your joy, he weakens your strength.

#### Illustration:

Paul and Silas sang praises at midnight (Acts 16:25).

**Faith Point -** When you praise through pressure, you confuse the enemy and release power!

### 3. CELEBRATION IS A FORM OF WITNESSING

## Luke 17:15-16 (NLT)

One of them, when he saw that he was healed, came back to Jesus, shouting, "Praise God! Gratitude is proof that you value what God has done.

**Faith Point** - When you testify, you glorify. When you praise, you evangelize.

## 4. WHY SOME PEOPLE FAIL TO CELEBRATE

- 1. They forget what God has done. (Psalm 103:2)
- 2. **They compare** themselves to others.
- 3. **They focus** on what's missing instead of what's working.
- 4. They grow familiar with God's goodness miracles start to feel normal.
- 5. **They fear pride** but celebrating isn't pride, it's humility that gives credit to God!

### 6. CELEBRATION KEEPS THE FIRE BURNING

## **Psalm 34:1 (KJV)**

*I will bless the Lord at all times: His praise shall continually be in my mouth.*Praise is spiritual fuel. When you keep thanking God, your spirit stays ignited. Stop praising, and your fire dims.

#### **Declaration:**

"I will not let my fire go out — my praise will stay alive!"

#### ARE YOU A PRAISE INHIBITOR OR A PRAISE IGNITER?

## Luke 19:39–40 (KJV)

Some of the Pharisees said, 'Master, rebuke thy disciples.' And He answered, 'If they hold their peace, the stones would cry out.'

In every church and every atmosphere, there are two kinds of people:

### Praise Inhibitors Praise Igniters

Hold back, stay silent Lift the room with energy

Wait for feelings Move by faith

Criticize others' praise Inspire others to join in Worry about appearance Care more about presence

Block the flow Spark the fire

## Illustration - David & Michal (2 Samuel 6:14-23)

David danced before the Lord with all his might, but Michal despised him.

David responded: "I will become even more undignified than this!"

A Praise Igniter — one who won't let pride or people silence their gratitude.

# **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- 1. What happens to your spirit when you stop celebrating?
- 2. Why is it powerful to "say so" about what God has done?
- 3. How can your personal praise ignite others?
- 4. Which type are you becoming inhibitor or igniter?

## **FAITH ACTION STEPS**

- 1. **Testify** Share one miracle God has done for or through you this week.
- 2. **Rejoice** Start each day by speaking one reason you're grateful.
- 3. **Ignite** Bring the fire of praise everywhere you go home, work, and church!

# Psalm 126:3 (MSG)

"God was wonderful to us; we are one happy people!"

### **Declaration:**

"Lord, you've done great things for us, and we are glad! I refuse to be silent — I'll be a praise igniter, not a praise inhibitor. Your goodness deserves my shout!"

"Look what the Lord has done — and He's not finished yet!"