

Still Thriving

Psalms 92:12-15 TPT

12 Yes! Look how you've made all your lovers to flourish like palm trees, each one growing in victory, standing with strength! **13** You've transplanted them into your heavenly courtyard, where they are thriving before you. **14** For in your presence they will still overflow and be anointed. Even in their old age they will stay fresh, bearing luscious fruit and abiding faithfully. **15** Listen to them! With pleasure they still proclaim: "You're so good! You're my beautiful strength! You've never made a mistake with me."

Sing a New Song

There are 50 direct commands to sing in Scripture.

Psalm 40:3 TPT

A new song for a new day rises up in me every time I think about how he breaks through for me! Ecstatic praise pours out of my mouth until everyone hears how God has set me free. Many will see his miracles; they'll stand in awe of God and fall in love with him!

Songs have the ability to share a message in ways we don't realize. They can be a tool in God's hands to reach the lost.

Psalm 96:1 TPT

A new song for a new day rises up in me every time I think about how he breaks through for me! Ecstatic praise pours out of my mouth until everyone hears how God has set me free. Many will see his miracles; they'll stand in awe of God and fall in love with him!

Every revival has been accompanied by new songs.

If you sing a new song, it's up to God to determine the scope of its influence. But it's up to you to sing the new song.

Why do we sing?

It's an act of obedience

God is worthy

It is a weapon of spiritual warfare

“Worship is a choice and your weapon to enlarge your territory. Worry is a choice and the enemy's weapon to shrink your territory. Worship is a WARSHIP to take out your enemy.” - Pr. Helen Burns

We need to speak to our soul and command it to sing a new song!

Worship blocks the attempt of the enemy like a defender blocking a shot on a goal.

2 Chronicles 20:20-22 NKJV

20 So they rose early in the morning and went out into the Wilderness of Tekoa; and as they went out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, “Hear me, O Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem: Believe in the Lord your God, and you shall be established; believe His prophets, and you shall prosper.” **21** And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed those who should sing to the Lord, and who should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army and were saying: “Praise the Lord, For His mercy endures forever.” **22** Now when they began to sing and to praise, the Lord set ambushes against the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah; and they were defeated.

Even before we go to rebuke the devil, let us first open our mouths and worship the LORD.

Singing is following God's example

Psalm 32:7 TPT

Lord, you are my secret hiding place, protecting me from these troubles, surrounding me with songs of gladness! Your joyous shouts of rescue release my breakthrough.

Zephaniah 3:17 NLT

For the Lord your God is living among you. He is a mighty savior. He will take delight in you with gladness. With his love, he will calm all your fears. He will rejoice over you with joyful songs.

Singing comes through a heart of love. Just as we have unique fingerprints, we have unique voiceprints. No one can sing the new song exactly the way you can.

Don't Let Doubt Win

Especially in the area of our identity in Christ. There is a crisis of identity in the Church. There are multitudes who do not know God's plan for their lives, their purpose, or who they are in Him.

Matthew 14:31 TPT

Jesus immediately stretched out his hand and lifted him up and said, "What little faith you have! Why would you let doubt win?"

The Lord can handle doubts, e.g. "Doubting" Thomas. In fact Jesus encouraged Thomas in the midst of his doubt. But Jesus does not want us to let our doubt win.

Peter didn't doubt Jesus' ability to walk on the water. Peter doubted his own ability to do so.

We often struggle with doubts and insecurities but God wants us to know who we are in Christ and live in the victory of faith.

God will use many things to remind us who we are, just like He did with Peter (Matthew 16:17).

We let doubt win when we do not allow the Holy Spirit work in the hurts of our past.

We can redirect our doubts into hope.

Sometimes there is a cost associated with the new things. Sometimes you experience the pain of letting go or making a change. But the vision of the new can keep you and bring you into God's new thing for your life and ministry. What was good when it was new may not look good now.

We need help from others to get to the new that God has for us.

“Compadres in the faith-I mean a small band of true fellow sojourners and fellow soldiers who'll fight the good fight beside you-are absolutely crucial to all of us in Christ & for men as much as women. This is one of the biggest deficits I see right now in the Body of Christ.” - Beth Moore

God is doing a new thing and we can't go it alone. Sometimes God has given someone else something that you need. You need someone to speak into your life.

“I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that did not work.” - Thomas Edison, after inventing the lightbulb.

Sometimes we need someone in our life to tell us that we have not failed, that we just found a way that didn't work, and then point us to God's way.

Be Kind to Others

Ephesians 4:32 TPT

But instead be kind and affectionate toward one another. Has God graciously forgiven you? Then graciously forgive one another in the depths of Christ's love.

“There is an urgency in the air for kindness.” -Bobbie Houston

Sometimes we get so stressed out that we stop being kind to others.

Celebrate the good things in others. Call those things out.