

Grateful

Come Before Him with Singing

“Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.”

– Psalm 100:2

For as long as I can remember, I have loved music. One of my earliest memories is of a cabinet turntable in our living room where my dad would play Linda Ronstadt and Barbara Streisand records. In time, my parents upgraded to a stand-alone stereo receiver with a turntable and huge, incredible speakers. My older brother would play his Beatles, Police, and REM records, repeating over and over his favorite songs. Early on, the only album that belonged to me was titled “It’s a Miracle,” a 1970’s children’s choir singing songs by Bill and Gloria Gaither. With songs like “I am a Promise” and “Rejoice and Be Glad,” I learned that God created me, His child, and that He loved me.

I would carefully slide the record out of its jacket, making sure to hold it by the rim and keep it clean. Then I laid it on the player and placed the needle down gently so as not to scratch it. The song would start, and I would dance around the living room, accompanying the album with as loud a voice as possible. Every now and then, a bump would cause the record to skip—a momentary interruption in my jubilant twirl. Little did I know, as a child my parents planted seeds of God’s love that would carry me through a difficult future upbringing.

Even as life grew more complicated, music remained a place of refuge and solace—a melody where I could connect with something deeper than myself. Looking back, I see how God used those childhood moments to begin tuning my heart to Him. Singing wasn’t just entertainment; it was preparation.

Today, as a follower of Jesus, coming before him with joyful songs is a part of my daily life. While in the car on a drive or as I do household chores like laundry, I am still in love with music and singing. As much as I appreciate classic country and the Beatles, 90% of what I listen to is praise and worship music. Most mornings I wake up with a song already playing in my heart—those melodies that loop on repeat in your head. And truth be told, I’d much rather start my day humming a worship song than a classic country or pop song.

Worship focuses our hearts on who God is—His power, His sovereignty, His holiness. It’s a posture of reverence and joy. True worship is more than a moment; it’s a lifestyle. It’s a continual offering of praise to the God of Scripture, expressed not only in music, but in prayer, service, generosity, and obedience. For me, music and lyrics have become a sacred way to meditate on God’s truth and stir up gratitude in my soul.

Psalm 100:2 speaks so powerfully to me; it reminds us to *“worship the Lord with gladness”* and to *“come before Him with joyful songs.”* There is something sacred about lifting our voices, not out of obligation, but out of joy. Worship isn’t about perfect pitch or polished performances; it’s about presence. It’s about showing up before our Maker with a willing heart and a song that reflects His goodness.

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In seasons of sorrow and in seasons of celebration, music has often been the bridge that brings me back into the presence of God. When words fail, a song often speaks for me. Singing shifts my focus. It lifts my eyes above circumstances and reminds me of who God is—faithful, loving, unchanging.

Worship is more than a playlist—it's a daily decision to honor God with our voice, our work, and our attitude. Whether it's folding laundry or walking the dog, praise can fill every corner of our lives. And as I sing, I serve—because joyful worship is one of the most beautiful offerings we can bring before the Lord.

As 1 Chronicles 16:8-9 declares:

"Give thanks to the Lord and proclaim his greatness. Let the whole world know what He has done. Sing to Him; yes, sing His praises. Tell everyone about His wonderful deeds."

Whether your voice is loud or quiet, in key or not, sing anyway. Come before the Lord with joy, and let worship be the rhythm that carries you through your day. He is listening—and He delights in your song.

- 1. What role has music played in your relationship with God? Are there particular songs that help you feel especially close to Him?**
- 2. What moments in your routine—like commuting, cleaning, or walking—could become opportunities for worship? What would that look like for you?**
- 3. How might your posture of worship change if you approached every day as an invitation to *"come before His presence with singing"*?**
- 4. What's currently playing in the background of your heart? Is it a melody of hope, frustration, praise, or something else?**



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