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Welcome!

SERIES: GROWN FOLKS MUSIC

Today's Message: Midnight Music

Dr. Lance D. Watson, Senior Pastor

PRAYER: Without a song, the day would never end. Without a song, the road would never bend. Thank you God for putting a song in our spirit, a song that we can sing even when the rain is falling in our lives. Give us a soul that sings. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

ICEBREAKER: Name your favorite gospel songs (one old and one new) and share with your group why those songs are your songs.

INTRODUCTION: The psalm begins with a cry of distress: the psalmist has been experiencing profound difficulties, and his cries to God appear to have been ignored; only his memories of the past seem to bring anything even resembling joy. However, the psalmist then remembers God's integrity and realizes that the failure of his hopes is the result of misplaced expectations of God's actions, rather than God's failure to act. Recalling God's actions in the past, he concludes with praise of "the God who performs miracles," the God who gives "songs in the night."

SCRIPTURE: Read Psalms 77:1-12 (NIV)

DISCUSSION:

1. What stood out in today's message? What was your favorite part of the message today? What's one thing you learned?
2. We've been sharing in a global pandemic for more than a year, has anything happened to you during this time that truly stressed you out? What types of difficulties have you experienced during this COVID-19 crisis?
3. Name three things that give you joy and tell why if you can. What can you do to increase the joy in your life? How can you bring joy in the lives of others?
4. Reflect over the last two years, how has God demonstrated faithfulness to you? To your family? To your church? Take a moment to celebrate God's integrity with your group.

CHALLENGE: Pick a song for this season. Play it over and over until you memorize it. Thank God for the gift of singing. Use it to encourage yourself and others.

SERVE: Pray over Psalms 77 this week. **Praise** God for giving you music in the midnights of your life.

Listen: when you are quiet before God, it is amazing how clear things become. **Respond.** Write it down, live it out, give God praise!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS: Take this time to share group announcements. Church wide and campus specific announcements can be found at www.myspbc.org. You can also “find, follow and like” our Facebook page at facebook.com/myspbc. Turn on your notifications.

CELEBRATIONS: Take this time to share praise reports (e.g. answered prayers, birthdays, anniversaries, promotions).

PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAYER: Take this time to share prayer requests. Close with prayer.

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We Care!

NOTICE: DUE TO THE COVID-19 CRISIS, ALL OF OUR CAMPUSES ARE PHYSICALLY CLOSED AT THIS TIME UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

As a small group leader, we depend on **you** to show members that we care. Here's a list of resources to help you.

FOR PRAYER:

CALL: 804.463.2472

EMAIL: prayer@myspbc.org.

FOR COUNSELING:

CALL: 804.643.6177

EMAIL: Barnabas@myspbc.org

TO REQUEST A HOSPITAL VISIT:

CALL: 804.304.3890 (For Emergencies)

EMAIL: ecare@myspbc.org.

TO REQUEST FUNERAL SUPPORT:

CALL: 804.304.3890 (Pastor On Call)

EMAIL: ecare@myspbc.org.

TO FIND A SUPPORT GROUP:

CALL: 804.643.6177

EMAIL: Barnabas@myspbc.org.

TO REQUEST EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE:

CALL: 804.643.4000

EMAIL: emergencyassistance@myspbc.org.

TO CONTACT MY LIFE STAGE PASTOR/DIRECTOR:

CALL: 804.643.4000 and Press 1 for the Dial By Name Directory

EMAIL:

- Imagination (0-10): Vernita Williams (Vernita.Williams@myspbc.org)
- SMB (11-19): Martina Jones-Smith (SMB: Martina.Jones-Smith@myspbc.org)
- Dreamchasers (20-29): Curtis Ballard (curtis.ballardjr@myspbc.org)
- Aspire (30-39): Lance Watson, Jr. (lance.watsonjr@myspbc.org)
- Fusion (40-49): Michelle Townsend (michelle.townsend@myspbc.org)
- Encore (50-59): Jamie Duncan (Jamie.Duncan@myspbc.org)
- Prime Time (60-69): Maceo Freeman (maceo.freeman@myspbc.org)
- Refiners (70+): Wallace Simms (Wallace.Simms@myspbc.org)

GPS is a study guide based on the weekend message. The purpose of this guide is to assist small groups in study.

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