

The Oaks Community Church
Worship Guide



November 9, 2025

I. A Call to Worship

For where two or three gather in My name, there am I with them.

Matthew 18:20 (NIV)

II. Family Confession & Greeting

2. We Are Thankful for the Goodness of the Lord

We're thankful for the Lord, who is good in all His ways. His kindness meets us daily, His mercy covers our failures, and His generosity overflows in this season. God, we rejoice that your goodness is freely given through the abundant grace of Jesus.

For the Lord is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations.
Psalm 100:5

III. Worshipping God Through Our Offerings

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name; bring an offering and come into His courts.

Psalm 96:8



IV.

Praising God in the Storm:
A Case Study and a Workshop
Pastor Nick Preston

I. A WORKING DEFINITION

"By praise—our appropriate response to His awe-inspiring majesty—we acknowledge God's greatness." – Derek Prince

II. A CASE STUDY: 2 Chronicles 20

1. Praising God In the Storm Recognizes God's Greatness (regardless of circumstances)

(vv. 3, 12) Alarmed, Jehoshaphat resolved to inquire of the Lord, and he proclaimed a fast for all Judah.... Our God, will you not judge them? For we have no power to face this vast army that is attacking us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you.

Psalm 34:3 — *Oh magnify the Lord with me.*

Truth # 1: You don't praise God because you feel victorious — you praise because He is victorious.

2. Praising God In The Storm Is Both INDIVIDUAL And CORPORATE

(v. 13) *All the men of Judah, with their wives and children and little ones, stood there before the Lord.*

Psalm 34: 1 NLT *I will praise the LORD at all times. I will constantly speak his praises.*

Psalm 34: 3 CSB *Proclaim the LORD's greatness with me; let us exalt his name together.*

Praise Psalms:

Psalm 8; Psalm 34; Psalm 95; Psalm 100; Psalm 103; Psalm 145; Psalm 150

Truth # 2: God carries us through the storm in BOTH our private AND public declarations of his greatness.

3. Praising God In The Storm Ushers In God's Presence

(v. 14) *Then the Spirit of the Lord came on Jahaziel...This is what the Lord says...*

Psalm 22: 3 AMP *But You are holy, O You who are enthroned in [the holy place where] the praises of Israel [are offered].*

Truth # 3: Praise doesn't change God's presence or power — it changes our perspective.

4. Praising God In The Storm Acknowledges:

- God's past record of faithfulness
- God's unchanging character in the present
- God's future guarantees

(vv. 21–22) *After consulting the people, Jehoshaphat appointed men to sing to the Lord and to praise him for the splendor of his holiness as they went out at the head of the army, saying:
"Give thanks to the Lord, for his love endures forever."*

As they began to sing and praise, the Lord set ambushes against the men of Ammon and Moab and Mount Seir who were invading Judah, and they were defeated.

- Gratitude = thanks *after* the answer.
- Faith-Praise = thanks *before* the answer.

Truth # 4: Praise isn't what you do after the victory; praise is what brings God's presence into the storm/battle.

5. Praise Is The Lifestyle Of The Believer

(vv. 28-30) *They entered Jerusalem and went to the temple of the LORD with harps and lyres and trumpets. The fear of God came on all the surrounding kingdoms when they heard how the LORD had fought against the enemies of Israel. And the kingdom of Jehoshaphat was at peace, for his God had given him rest on every side.*

Psalm 34:1 *I will extol the Lord at all times; His praise will always be on my lips.*

1 Thessalonians 5: 17 NLT *Never stop praying.*

Truth # 5: Victory doesn't start on the battlefield; it starts in the place of praise.

III. THE WORKSHOP – OUR TURN TO PRAISE

Community Group Questions

1. Where are you feeling the "storm" right now? Whether personally, in family, or in our church, where do you sense the waves rising? How does naming it out loud change the way you feel?
2. Jehoshaphat said, "We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on You." What does it look like to practically keep our eyes on Jesus when life feels overwhelming?
3. Praise acknowledges who God is, not our circumstances. In your current situation, which attribute of God do you most need to remind yourself of? (Examples: His peace, power, goodness, wisdom, presence)

4. Praising God is both personal and corporate. Which one comes more naturally for you — praising privately or praising with others? Why do you think that is?
5. “Praise before the breakthrough” (Faith-Praise) Can you think of a time when you thanked God before He answered — or would you like to try that now in your storm? What might you choose to praise Him for before you see the outcome?
6. Praise as a lifestyle. What small, realistic practice could you begin this week to grow in daily praise? (Examples: one-minute praise prayer, read a praise Psalm aloud, worship song on your commute, breath prayer)
7. End in prayer for your FRANCES.



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