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Preparing Your Heart for Worship

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Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.

- Revelation 14:6-7

***O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING**

VERSE 1

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise
The glories of my God and King
The triumphs of His grace
My gracious Master and my God
Assist me to proclaim
To spread thru all the earth abroad
The honors of Thy name

VERSE 2

Jesus the name that calms our fears
That bids our sorrows cease
'Tis music in the sinner's ears
'Tis life and health and peace
He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin
He sets the pris'ner free
His blood can make the foulest clean
His blood availed for me

VERSE 3

By Christ, your head, it shall be known
Oh hear ye fallen race
Look and be saved through faith alone
Be justified by grace
He speaks and list'ning to his voice
New life the dead receive
The mournful broken hearts rejoice
The humble poor believe

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VERSE 4

Glory to God and praise and love
Be ever ever giv'n
By saints below and saints above
The Church in earth and heav'n
On this glad day the glorious Sun
Of Righteousness arose
On my benighted soul he shone
And filled it with repose

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***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Revelation 5:11-13

ELDER: Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice,

PEOPLE: “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!”

ELDER: And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

PEOPLE: “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”

***CHRIST IS MINE FOREVERMORE**

VERSE 1

Mine are days that God has numbered
I was made to walk with Him
Yet I look for worldly treasure
And forsake the King of kings
But mine is hope in my Redeemer
Though I fall His love is sure
For Christ has paid for every failing
I am His forevermore

VERSE 2

Mine are tears in times of sorrow
Darkness not yet understood
Through the valley I must travel
Where I see no earthly good
But mine is peace that flows from heaven
And the strength in times of need
I know my pain will not be wasted
Christ completes His work in me

VERSE 3

Mine are days here as a stranger
Pilgrim on a narrow way
One with Christ I will encounter
Harm and hatred for His name
But mine is armor for this battle
Strong enough to last the war
And He has said He will deliver
Safely to the golden shore

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TAG/ENDING

And mine are keys to Zion city
Where beside the King I walk
For there my heart has found its treasure
Christ is mine forevermore

BRIDGE (2X)

Come rejoice now O my soul
For His love is my reward
Fear is gone and hope is sure
Christ is mine forevermore

ENDING

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***SON OF SUFFERING (NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD)**

VERSE 1

O the perfect Son of God
In all His innocence
Here walking in the dirt with you and me
He knows what living is
He's acquainted with our grief
Man of sorrows Son of Suffering

CHORUS

Blood and tears how can it be
There's a God who weeps
There's a God who bleeds
O praise the one
Who would reach for me
Hallelujah to the Son of Suffering

VERSE 2

Some imagine You
Are distant and removed
But You chased us down
In merciful pursuit
To the sinner You were grace
And the broken You embraced
And in the end
The proof is in Your wounds
In the end the proof is in Your wounds

CHORUS

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BRIDGE (3X)

Your cross my freedom
Your stripes my healing
All praise King Jesus
Glory to God in Heaven
Your blood still speaking
Your love still reaching
All praise King Jesus
Glory to God forever

CHORUS

TAG (2X)

Hallelujah to the Son of Suffering

VERSE (NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD)

What can wash away my sin
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
What can make me whole again
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

CHORUS (NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD)

Oh precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow
No other fount I know
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

TAG (4X)

Glory to God forever

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***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Take some time to greet those around you in the peace and joy of the grace of God.

CHILDREN'S LESSON

OFFERING

Giving our tithe is one way we place our trust in the Lord. You may place your offering in the plate as it comes around, scan the QR code on page 17 of your bulletin to give online or text GIVE and the amount you would like to give to 833-444-1577.

PSALM 139 (FAR TOO WONDERFUL)

VERSE 1

You wrote the story of my life
You go before You fall behind
Before a breath beyond my death
You are with me
On the way to everlasting

CHORUS

Oh I can't run, I can't hide
Even darkness is a light
From the lowest place
To the highest praise
You are worthy
Amazing love how can it be
Far too wonderful for me
There's only one thing left to sing
You are worthy

VERSE 2

Search me God and know my heart
Try me know my anxious thoughts
Find the wickedness in me
And lead me in the way everlasting

CHORUS

Oh I can't run, I can't hide
Even darkness is a light
From the lowest place
To the highest praise
You are worthy
Amazing love how can it be
Far too wonderful for me
There's only one thing left to sing
You are worthy

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BRIDGE (2X)

You formed me in my mother's womb
You know my frame, my flesh and bone
I'm wonderfully made
Oh I can't describe, it's way too high
You see me through and through
And call me loved
What a wonderful grace

CHORUS

Oh I can't run, I can't hide
Even darkness is a light
From the lowest place
To the highest praise
You are worthy
Amazing love how can it be
Far too wonderful for me
There's only one thing left to sing
You are worthy

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SCRIPTURE READING

1 Samuel 5:1-12

¹When the Philistines captured the ark of God, they brought it from Ebenezer to Ashdod. ²Then the Philistines took the ark of God and brought it into the house of Dagon and set it up beside Dagon. ³And when the people of Ashdod rose early the next day, behold, Dagon had fallen face downward on the ground before the ark of the Lord. So they took Dagon and put him back in his place. ⁴But when they rose early on the next morning, behold, Dagon had fallen face downward on the ground before the ark of the Lord, and the head of Dagon and both his hands were lying cut off on the threshold. Only the trunk of Dagon was left to him. ⁵This is why the priests of Dagon and all who enter the house of Dagon do not tread on the threshold of Dagon in Ashdod to this day.

⁶The hand of the Lord was heavy against the people of Ashdod, and he terrified and afflicted them with tumors, both Ashdod and its territory. ⁷And when the men of Ashdod saw how things were, they said, “The ark of the God of Israel must not remain with us, for his hand is hard against us and against Dagon our god.” ⁸So they sent and gathered together all the lords of the Philistines and said, “What shall we do with the ark of the God of Israel?” They answered, “Let the ark of the God of Israel be brought around to Gath.” So they brought the ark of the God of Israel there. ⁹But after they had brought it around, the hand of the Lord was against the city, causing a very great panic, and he afflicted the men of the city, both young and old, so that tumors broke out on them. ¹⁰So they sent the ark of God to Ekron. But as soon as the ark of God came to Ekron, the people of Ekron cried out, “They have brought around to us the ark of the God of Israel to kill us and our people.” ¹¹They sent therefore and gathered together all the lords of the Philistines and said, “Send away the ark of the God of Israel, and let it return to its own place, that it may not kill us and our people.” For there was a deathly panic throughout the whole city. The hand of God was very heavy there. ¹²The men who did not die were struck with tumors, and the cry of the city went up to heaven.

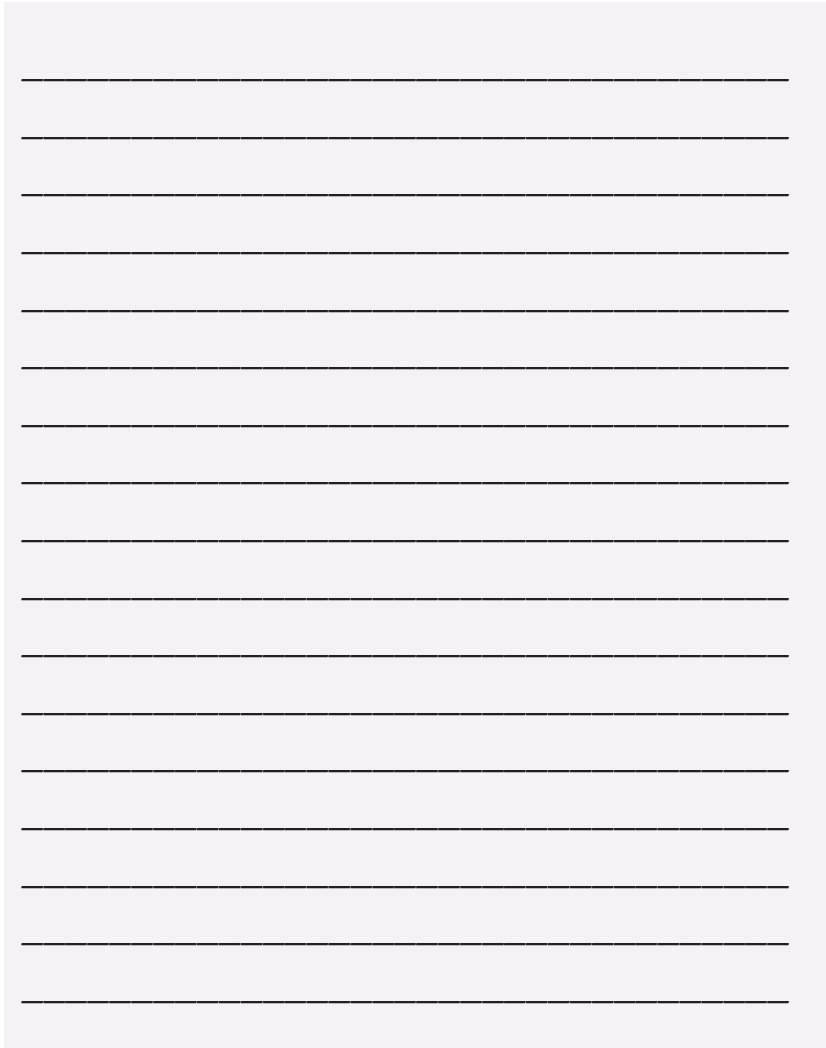
SERMON: *The Cry of the City*

Series: The Heart of Leadership (week 10)

1 Samuel 5:1-12

Rev. Scott Castleman

NOTES



THE LORD'S SUPPER

Prayer of Confession

Promise of Forgiveness

Words of Institution

Celebration of the Sacrament

Prayer of Commitment

***ETERNAL WEIGHT OF GLORY**

VERSE 1

Now the days and hours and moments
Of our suffering seem so long
And the toilsome wait and wond'ring
Threaten silence to our song
Now our pain is real and pressing
Where our faith is thin and weak
But our hope is set on Jesus
And we cling to Him, our strength

VERSE 2

Oh eternal weight of glory
Oh inheritance divine
We will see our Lord redeeming
Every past and future time
All our pains will be transfigured
Like the scars of Christ our Lord
We will see the weight of glory
And our broken years restored

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CHORUS

For behold I tell a mystery
At the trumpet sound we'll wake
Death is swallowed up in vict'ry
When we meet our King of grace
Ev'ry year we thought was wasted
Every night we cried, "How long?"
All will be a passing moment
In our Savior's victory song

VERSE 3

We will see our wounded Savior
We'll behold Him face to face
And we'll hear our anguished stories
Sung as vict'ry songs of grace

CHORUS

ENDING

Ev'ry year we thought was wasted
Every night we cried, "How long?"
All will be a passing moment
In our Savior's victory song

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***STATEMENT OF FAITH**

1 Timothy 1:15-17

ELDER: Church, how is it that we need to understand the gospel in light of our sinfulness and God's amazing grace?

PEOPLE: The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost!
Amen.

COME TOGETHER IN PRAYER

ILLNESS

Frank Allison, Van & Ellen Arnold, Melinda Boswell, Maureen De Jonge, Wendy Duggan, Bryan Fox, Charles Gaines, Ross Grimm, Cheryl Hammond, Judy Howell, Heather Jordan, Rosemary Kahlmus, Senneca Lewis, Nanette Lockhart, Belinda Lott, Suzie Manuel, Vicki McKay, Mark Necaise, Tommy Neff, Tom Nicholson, Dorothy Norris, Patricia O'Neal, Jane Panek, Susan Panek, David Paul, Janice Pepper, Brent Ramsey, Richard Saffle, John Schill, Sheila Seymour, Bob Turner, Priscilla Underwood, Tom Walton, Rick Webster, Chris Williamson, Helen Winger

SHUT-INS/NURSING HOMES/ASSISTED LIVING

Nancy Alford, Trudy Brundage, Sandra Cain, Ginny Canaga, Bea Colburn, Jim & Mayla Comeaux, Pat Finnegan, Craig Gardner, Hendrikje Gast, Ted & Sherry Gilbert, Dr. Robert Goette, Cheryl Gray, John Luna, Mary Nesbitt, Dorothy Norris, Sheila Seymour, Chris Waldron, Betty Walker, Jean & Gaylon Worch

*Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly
in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.*

- Matthew 11:28-29

THE GIFT OF GIVING



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THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRES April 12-April 18, 2026

Sunday	6:00 PM	Youth Large Group
Monday	1:00 PM	Griefshare
	6:30 PM	Woven: Women's Bible Study <i>(off-campus)</i>
Wednesday	6:00 PM	Youth Small Groups
	6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	5:30 PM	Praise Team Rehearsal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW

SUMMER YOUTH INTERN HOUSING NEEDED

We have selected three amazing summer youth interns (Jake, Andrew and Caroline) who will spend June and July with our students here at First Pres. **Do you have an extra room, in-law suite, or guest house and would be willing to host one of our interns from June 1-July 31?** Our two guy interns, Jake and Andrew, can be housed together or individually. If you would like to host or want more information, please contact Youth Ministry Director Sam Oh at sam@fpocosms.com.

UPDATED

BELIZE MISSION TRIP - Today is the last day to apply!

Is God calling you to Belize this summer? This year's trip with The Word at Work will be **July 11-18**, and we are excited to serve with our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ in Belize. The approximate cost for this trip is **\$1700**, which includes flights, accommodations, transportation, most meals and project costs. **Scan the QR code to apply now!**



CRAWFISH/SHRIMP BOIL - Sun, April 19 @ 10:00 AM

Our annual Crawfish/Shrimp Boil will be next **Sunday, April 19!** We will have **ONE** worship service that day at 10:00 AM, followed by the crawfish/shrimp boil. In addition to crawfish and shrimp, we will also have hamburgers and hot dogs. **We're asking our church family to bring desserts!** We'll have bounce houses for the kids and also have a booth set up to assist our church family with downloading our app, uploading a picture and updating your information for our directory. **We also need LOTS of VOLUNTEERS to help our annual crawfish boil run smoothly! Scan the QR code to help!**



ANNOUNCEMENTS *(continued)*

REGISTER NOW FOR VBS 2026 - June 1-5 from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

Registration for **Jungle Quest: A Search for the Truth** is now open! This year's VBS is **June 1-5 from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM** and is open for children ages 3 through rising 6th grade! Please note - children must turn 3 by June 1, 2026 and be potty trained. **Our VBS program is FREE, but we also offer an extended-day add-on Arts & Culture Camp from 12:00-5:00 PM for \$120/week. For extended-day registrants, we have an early-drop off option from 8:00-9:00 AM for \$65/week.** If you need the extended-day option for your child to attend VBS but need financial assistance, please contact Aimie Barton at aimie@fpcosms.com or Lindsey Plash at lindsey@fpcosms.com.



MEN'S BOOK CLUB - Thursday, April 23 @ 5:30 PM

Join the men of the church on **Thursday, April 23 at 5:30 PM** for a discussion on Timothy Keller's book, *Every Good Endeavor*. Dinner will be provided. **We still have some books left! Purchase one for \$15 at the church office.** Contact Clay Brown at 228-875-5326 or clay@fpcosms.com for more info.

VOLUNTEER AT THE LORD IS MY HELP -

Mon, May 4 - Fri, May 8

Our week to volunteer at The Lord Is My Help is **May 4-8**. Each day, we need 5-7 volunteers to assist with plating for Meals on Wheels and 4 volunteers to assist with serving meals. **Please scan the QR code and sign up if you would like to help that week.**



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We would love to get to know you better. Scan the QR Code to fill out our brief Connect Card and let us know if you have any questions about FPCOS or would just like to learn more about our ministries and how you can get plugged in.

We look forward to connecting with you!

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