

Because He Lives

1. God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus;
 He came to love, heal and forgive.
 He bled and died to buy my pardon;
 An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

*Because He lives I can face tomorrow;
 Because He lives all fear is gone;
 Because I know He holds the future,
 And life is worth the living just because He lives.*

2. And then one day I'll cross that river;
 I'll fight life's final war with pain;
 And then as death gives way to vict'ry,
 I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives.

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All Creatures of Our God & King

1. All creatures of our God and King,
 Lift up your voice and with us sing,
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Thou burning sun with golden beam.
 Thou silver moon with softer gleam.
 O praise Him, O praise Him!
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2. Let all things their Creator bless,
 And worship Him in humbleness.
 O praise Him! Alleluia!
 Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
 And praise the Spirit, Three-In-One,
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Open the eyes of my heart Lord. Open the eyes of my heart;
 I want to see You, I want to see You;
 Open the eyes of my heart Lord. Open the eyes of my heart;
 I want to see You, I want to see You.

*To see You high and lifted up, shining in the light of Your glory.
 Pour out Your power and love as we sing, "Holy, holy, holy."*

(Repeat)

Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy.
 Holy, holy, holy, I want to see You.

(Repeat)

Prayer and Welcome

River Bend Kids Message

Lawsona Gandy

10,000 Reasons

1. Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name.
The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning.
It's time to sing Your song again;
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me;
Let me be singing when the evening comes.
Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name.

2. You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing.
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.
3. And on that day when my strength is failing,
The end draws near and my time has come;
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending,
Ten thousand years and then forevermore.

4. Worship Your holy name.
Lord I'll worship Your holy name.

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1. Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.
Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!
2. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth;
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide.
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside.

Let's go!

When life is not fair, God is still faithful.

Acts 25 & 26

Pastor John Crowe

- There are going to be moments in life when everything seems terribly unfair.
- What do you do when life seems so unfair?
- Where is God?
- Life is going to be unfair, but I truly believe God is faithful.
- For two years Paul waits and waits and waits.
- These two years in Paul's life are sometimes called the quiet years.
- Where are Barnabas, Silas, Timothy? Epaphras, Erastus, Manaen?
- 1. All of us will experience times of unfairness.
- 2. When we experience times of unfairness, we need to know God is still at work. He is still faithful.
- **Acts 25:9-12**
- Governors Felix and Festus are Roman and appointed by the Roman Senate. King Agrippa is Jewish, but was raised in Rome, and is now appointed to be the King by the Romans.
- Marcus Julius Agrippa was the great grandson of Herod the Great.
- He is the son of Herod Agrippa I.
- This Herod Agrippa, who is now residing over Paul's trials, is well aware of Jewish teaching, Jewish law, and even the growth of Christianity.
- **Acts 26:1-32**
- God is faithful because God is immutable: **Hebrews 13:8**
- God is faithful to save: **1 Corinthians 1:9**
- God is faithful to keep your salvation: **Philippians 1:6**
- God will faithfully keep your salvation: **1 Thessalonians 5:23-24**
- God will faithfully bring you into glory: **2 Timothy 4:18**
- God will faithfully keep His promises: **Hebrews 10:23**
- God's faithfulness will get you through times when life is unfair.