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REAL
PEOPLE.
REAL PRAISE.
A REAL GOD.

**SAME MISSION.
BIGGER IMPACT.**

*Worship
Connect
Grow
Serve
Go*

A HOUSE OF **EXCELLENT** *Praise*

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BIBLE STUDY
AND SERMON SERIES

*"I will bless the
LORD at all times;
His praise shall
continually be
in my mouth."
Psalm 34:1*

ONE
PEOPLE
ONE PRAISE
ONE PURPOSE

SEPTEMBER 15 - 19, 2026

MONDAY • SEPT 15

**PRAISING GOD
CALMS OUR FEAR**

Psalm 27:1



When God becomes greater
in our vision, fear becomes
smaller in our lives.

TUESDAY • SEPT 16

**PRAISING GOD
STRENGTHENS US
WHILE WE WAIT**

Psalm 5:3



Praise gives expectation
to our waiting. We are not
simply waiting—we are
watching for God.

WEDNESDAY • SEPT 17

**PRAISING GOD
GIVES US PERMISSION
TO POUR OUT OUR HEARTS**

Psalm 34:18



God is near to the brokenhearted,
and worship gives our pain
somewhere to go.

THURSDAY • SEPT 18

**PRAISING GOD
CULTIVATES
CONTENTMENT**

Psalm 16:5



Praise shifts our attention
from what we lack to the
God who is our portion.

FRIDAY • SEPT 19

**VICTORY COMES
THROUGH
PRAISING GOD**

Psalm 18:46-49



Praise celebrates who God is,
what He has done, and the victory
only He could give.

JOIN US FOR A WEEK OF TRANSFORMATION THROUGH PRAISE



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Let's Praise Together!

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Tuesday, September 15, 2026 • 7:00 PM

A HOUSE OF EXCELLENT PRAISE

"I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth." — Psalm 34:1

Praise is more than what comes out of our mouths when God does something good. Praise is a spiritual posture that changes how we face fear, waiting, pain, lack, and victory.

And that's what I want us to understand tonight:
Excellent Praise works in every season.



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MONDAY • SEPTEMBER 14, 2026

LIGHT.
SALVATION.
STRENGTH.
NO FEAR.

PRAISING GOD CALMS OUR FEAR

*"The LORD is my **light** and my **salvation**;
whom shall I fear?
the LORD is the **strength** of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?"*

PSALM 27:1

*Praise
Changes
Everything*



READ
His Word.



PRAY
Without Ceasing.



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In Everyday Life.



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Through It All.



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Psalm 27:1

“The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?”

1. PRAISE IN MY FEAR

“When I Can't Control What Might Happen”

David doesn't deny that there are frightening things around him.
He changes what he's looking at.

And when God becomes greater in your vision, fear becomes smaller in your life.

That's why David *doesn't begin* by describing his enemies.

David begins by describing his God.

“The LORD is my light.” “The LORD is my salvation.”

“The LORD is my strength.”



**What's the difference between
pretending you're not afraid and
praising God while you are afraid?**

Fear tells me what might happen.
Praise reminds me Who God already is.

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When anxiety rises tomorrow, before rehearsing
everything that could go wrong, rehearse what you
know about God.

Name God before you name your problem.



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TUESDAY • SEPTEMBER 15, 2026

PRAISING GOD STRENGTHENS US WHILE WE *Wait*

*While We Wait...
We Praise!*

"Listen to my voice in the morning, LORD.
Each morning I bring my requests to you
and **wait expectantly.**"

PSALM 5:3 (NLT)



*GOD
IS STILL
WORKING*



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Psalm 5:3

*“Listen to my voice in the morning,
LORD. Each morning I bring my
requests to you and wait
expectantly.”*

2. PRAISE IN MY WAITING

“When God Hasn't Done It Yet”

Can you praise when nothing has happened yet?

David says he brings his request before God and waits expectantly.

He prays. Then watches.

That's different from resignation.

Biblical waiting isn't, *“Well, I guess nothing is going to happen.”*

It's:

**“I've talked to God about this, and I'm going to remain faithful while I
watch for what God does.”**



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What happens to our faith when God's timetable doesn't agree with ours?

Have you ever moved prematurely because you became tired of waiting?

Because sometimes our greatest problem isn't that God said no.

It's that we couldn't tolerate “not yet.”

Don't let impatience make you abandon

something God told you to wait for.

**While you're waiting for God to change the
situation, God may be using the waiting to
strengthen you.**



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WEDNESDAY • SEPTEMBER 16, 2026

PRAISING GOD GIVES US PERMISSION TO *Pour Out Our Hearts*

"The LORD is **close** to the brokenhearted
and **saves** those who are crushed in spirit."

PSALM 34:18 (NLT)



BRING
IT TO
GOD.
HE CAN
HANDLE
IT.

Honest
Hearts.
Healing
Begins.



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PEOPLE | PURPOSE | PRESENCE | PRAISE | A BRIGHTER TOMORROW

Psalm 34:18

*“The LORD is close to the
brokenhearted and saves those
who are crushed in spirit.”*

3. PRAISE IN MY PAIN

“When I Need Somewhere to Put What I Feel”

Church Culture will have people Praise Pretending...

“I'm blessed.” “I'm highly favored.” “Everything's wonderful.” Meanwhile — I'm hurting.

The Psalms don't teach *Church Culture*.

David cries. David questions. David laments....

David worships.

“Praise Allows You to Vent.” And yes— God can handle your venting.

But here's the distinction:

Biblical lament isn't just venting outward. It is pouring our pain toward God.



Why do Christians sometimes feel pressure to pretend they're okay when they're not?

What would change if our churches became places where people could be honest about pain without being judged for lacking faith?

Ekklesia a House of Excellent Praise

must also be a safe house for broken hearts.

**Praise doesn't require you to hide your pain; it
teaches you where to take it.**

**And Psalm 34 says:
God comes close.**



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THURSDAY • SEPTEMBER 17, 2026

PRAISING GOD CULTIVATES *Contentment*

"LORD, you alone are **my portion**
and **my cup**; you make my lot secure."

PSALM 16:5 (NLT)

*Grateful
Today
Brighter
Tomorrow*

LESS
COMPARISON.
MORE
WORSHIP.
A FULLER LIFE.



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Psalm 16:5

*“LORD, you alone are my portion
and my cup; you make my lot
secure.”*

4. PRAISE IN MY LACK

“When What I Have Doesn't Look Like Enough”

Fear looks at what might happen. Waiting looks at what hasn't happened.
Pain looks at what hurt. But discontentment looks at what somebody else has.

Church Culture has monetized comparison...

a better house, better body, better marriage, better vacation, better church...

At least according to the edited version they posted.

And comparison begins whispering: “What God gave you isn't enough.”

But David says: “LORD, You are my portion.”

**“God, before I evaluate everything You have given me,
I recognize that having You means I am not empty.”**



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Can you thank God for somebody else's blessing without questioning your own?

***Contentment isn't having everything you want; it's
refusing to let what you don't have make you
ungrateful for what God has already given you.***

Excellent Praise says:

**“God, if You never give me another thing,
You've already given me Jesus.”**



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FRIDAY • SEPTEMBER 18, 2026

VICTORY COMES THROUGH *Praising God*

"The LORD lives! **Praise** to my Rock!
May the God of my salvation be **exalted!**"

PSALM 18:46-49 (NLT)

*Same
God.
New Wins!*

PRAISE.
REMEMBER.
REJOICE.
REPEAT.



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Psalm 18:46–49

46 The Lord lives! Praise to my Rock!

May the God of my salvation be exalted!

47 He is the God who pays back those who harm me;

he subdues the nations under me

48 and rescues me from my enemies.

You hold me safe beyond the reach of my enemies;

you save me from violent opponents.

49 For this, O Lord, I will praise you among the nations;

I will sing praises to your name.

5. PRAISE IN MY VICTORY

“When God Finally Does It”

Now we've traveled somewhere.

Fear. Waiting. Pain. Contentment. And finally—Victory.

But there's a danger even here.

**Because sometimes we pray desperately when we're in trouble—
and become strangely quiet when God brings us out.**

Did you forget? Did you think you got here by yourself?



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Why is it sometimes easier to seek God in crisis than remember Him in success?

Excellent Praise remembers.

***Don't let the blessing make you forget the God you
begged for the blessing.***

**When victory comes—
tell somebody Who did it.**

NOW LOOK AT THE WHOLE WEEK

When I'm...

Praise reminds me...

Afraid

God is greater than what I fear.

Waiting

God is working even when I can't see it.

Hurting

God is close enough to receive my pain.

Discontented

God Himself is my portion.

Victorious God deserves the glory for bringing me through.

Now Psalm 34:1 makes sense:

“I will bless the LORD at ALL TIMES.”

Because all times includes all five.





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EKA HOMEWORK — “FIND YOUR SEASON”

Write these five words:

FEAR

WAITING

PAIN

CONTENTMENT

VICTORY



“Which one best describes where you are right now?”

“What do I know about God that is still true in this season?”



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Real Stories
A Place to Belong*

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ENCOUNTER
PURPOSE
LIVES CHANGE

FRIENDS & FAMILY DAY

SAME MESSAGE. A **BIGGER** TABLE.



**SUNDAY
9/20**



10:00 AM
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*Bring
Somebody
With You!*

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CO-WORKERS

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

GUEST PREACHER

PASTOR TERRY JONES

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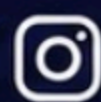
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Come As You Are. | Leave Different.



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LOVE U MORE
THAN U KNOW.
- STEPHAN



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He was faithful.

**GOD ANSWERED
OUR PRAYER.**



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