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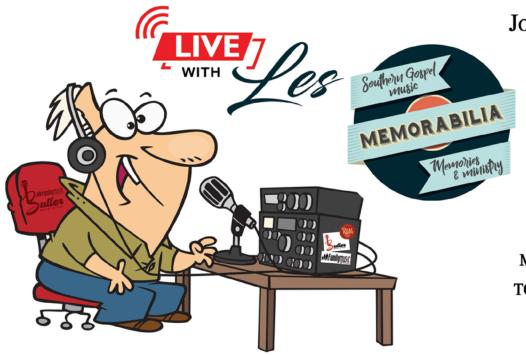








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DJ Spotlight

Sylvia Green

A native to Alabama, Sylvia Green is living out her dream at the Dothan-WVOB radio station. With a background in gospel music from a singer's perspective, she is still moved by the music – from behind the DJ mic. And Sylvia Green is still using her voice to spread the gospel.

Scoops: Tell us about yourself.

Sylvia Green: I'm a born in the South Alabama girl! But after decades of singing ministry with the BRADYS, I can honestly say my friends across the USA prove that the love of God has no boundaries of location! I started traveling with my family on the road when I was 14 and continued traveling with other groups after my family came off the road, for a total of over 4 decades in singing ministry! During much of that time I was also in RADIO playing great gospel music on the days I wasn't on the road! On the personal side, if this tells you anything about me; I love football, fishing, and golf, and carry a gun for protection, but I'm all girly when it comes to high heel shoes, purses, and cooking, lol! Give me a night by a fire pit or an evening on a balcony overlooking beach waves and I'm a happy girl! I call myself a modern antique, lol!! Because I so love the simple things of life, yet I also love twinkling city lights and getting glammed up for a night out! And, I have a deep sense of love and respect for the older styles of music and the artist who presented it, but I also love some of the newer music as well.

Scoops: How did you get into radio?

SG: While I was traveling with the BRADYS, the local gospel station Keith Brady worked at (WVOB-Dothan, AL) opened a sister station in nearby Bonifay, FL. At the time, Bonifay was home of the "Biggest All-Night Singing In the World!" So, it was a prime



by Scoops Staff

location for a gospel station! Although I had never worked in radio, they felt my knowledge of the industry would make me a good candidate to run the station. I was excited at the opportunity to be even more involved in gospel music, and that station wound up being a true "Hometown" station that also presented great gospel music 7 days a week! Later, they moved me to the Dothan-WVOB location, and I've been here ever since! I have the privilege of reviewing new music for airplay! After being involved in music for so long, I love it when a song can still grab my attention!

Scoops: If you could interview one person from the past of Southern Gospel Music, who would it be and why?

SG: Oddly enough, the answer to this changes! Right now, I'd probably say it would be a TIE between the late Vestal Goodman or Kenny Hinson! Both were so unique vocally, loved by the masses, and I feel listeners would love knowing more about them on a personal level!

Scoops: What has been your favorite interview so far?

SG: I've said this many times, ALL interviews were interesting and appreciated, well...except one,

LOL! And NO, I will NOT reveal the name, but they complained the interview would possibly last up to 25 mins because it was woven in during the "Coffee-Break With Keith & Sylvia"....so THAT one stands out, HAHA!! But all others have been awesome, artists have been SO gracious with their time, listeners loved it...and best of all attended concerts!! I guess the interview that still stands out the most though, was Naomi Sego! She wasn't pushing anything, just simply let them see the personal side of her...as if we had visited her home...she laughed, told funny life stories, even spoke of hard times personally and how God brought her through them! It truly had a lasting impression on our listeners!!!

Scoops: What advice would you give someone that wants to get into radio?

SG: Know your product! Not meant in any form of disrespect to the industry by calling it "product", but in our area at least, knowledge of group personnel changes, song history, personal home life trivia, even down to who wrote what song, has proved to be a huge PLUS when it comes to listener repeats! And, when it comes to gospel radio, I think having a heart to MINISTER changes everything! Because God will use you to touch many who need it daily, even in something as simple as song selection at the moment! I'll never forget a truck driver passing through, who pulled over and called to tell us he had planned on committing suicide that day, but he randomly crossed our station on the radio and heard a song that gave him HOPE! He became a born-again Child of God that day! When it's all said and done, that's what truly will matter in the end!





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On Center Stage with the Dixie Melody Boys By Jimmy Reno

For over 50 years, the name Dixie Melody Boys has been synonymous with southern gospel music. Founded in 1961 by Avis Adkins, the quartet has remained a fixture in the industry.

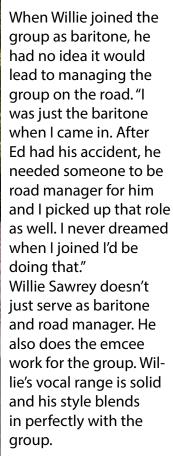
Ed O'Neal would join the group in 1963 as bass singer, and would go on to eventually owning the group. During the course of Ed's ownership, the Dixie Melody Boys have seen some of the most prominent names in the industry come through its ranks – such names as Tony Brown, who went on to be with the Stamps Quartet during their time with Elvis Presley. He also worked with MCA Records. Other notable names include: Rodney Griffin from Greater Vision, Devin McGlamery from Ernie Haase & Signature Sound, Harold Reed who went on to be with the Florida Boys and the Kingsmen, Bryan Walker who would go on to compete on American Idol, Kent Humphrey who later was with the Midsouth Boys, Ernie Haase who went on to sing with

the Cathedral Quartet and now the owner of Ernie Haase & Signature Sound, Josh Garner who previously had been with the Florida Boys and who is currently with the Chuck Wagon Gang, and McCray Dove who would later found the Dove Brothers quartet.

With their impressive history, the Dixie Melody Boys are ready to continue to impact the Southern Gospel world. Today the group is still going strong with current members – Buddy Bates on tenor, Cayden Howell on lead, Willie Sawrey on baritone, and Earl Roberts on bass.

In 2019, Ed suffered a car crash and bass singer Earl Roberts has since come aboard to be with the group. Ed currently makes select appearances with the group. Willie Sawrey joined the legendary group in 2016 as baritone and now acts as road

crowd is our fan base."





manager as well. "I started singing in 1988 after going to a Dixie Melody Boys concert and hearing them! They were the first professional group I saw sing live. They were based in Kinston, North Carolina, which was just up the road from where I lived at that time. The next year, we got to sing with them as sort of the opening act. I sang locally for about 25 years," Sawrey stated.

"Then I received a call about filling in with the group and that was just an honor. So after I began singing with the group, I told Ed one Sunday if he needed me to keep filling in I had some availability, and he told me he was hoping I'd fill in on a more permanent basis. I told him I needed to talk to my wife first, but that's how I got the job," he recalled.

Like most in the entertainment world, the group suffered through the Covid-19 pandemic. "I was getting calls or emails every week with people canceling or sending me emails telling me they were hoping things would be better, but it wasn't, so they couldn't keep the date. A lot of our target audience were affected by Covid-19. That 60 and over

When lead singer, Cayden Howell, auditioned for the group, the Booneville, Mississippi, native impressed right away. "Ed has found a lot of talent over the years, and he said, 'You know, I can do something with this boy." Cayden is new to the southern gospel music industry and the 20-year-old singer is thrilled to be with the Dixie Melody Boys. Cayden's lead vocals are a throwback to the singing styles of lead singers from over the years. His tone and range makes him perfect for southern gospel quartet music.

When Ed realized that there would be dates he wouldn't be able to be at, he made the decision to hire Georgia native Earl Roberts on bass. Earl has been in the industry for 42 years now and is no stranger to southern gospel. Singing since the age of 15 years old, Earl had been with various regional groups over the years but had been seeking a full time position when the offer came for the Dixie Melody Boys.

In 2020, the group welcomed Buddy Bates on tenor. The Cincinnati native had been involved in regional groups for years prior to joining the Blackwood Brothers quartet to fill in on the position. Although having been serving as a music minister, Buddy had dreamed of full-time singing in southern gospel since he was younger. Buddy's high, full voice, tenor sound has been quickly embraced by fans of the group.

One thing that hasn't changed over the years is the style of music fans will hear when they attend a Dixie Melody Boys concert. "We sing straight up southern gospel music. We still sing the songs people love like Antioch Church Choir. People pretty much demand that song every night. Then we will also throw in some of our new stuff."

In 2021 the quartet released its latest album, Worth Every Mile. The project contains 10 songs of traditional southern gospel, quartet style, music. While the lineup of singers may be newer, the style of the music is exactly the same as fans have come to love over the years. The album contains 10 songs

with some highlights such as "Gonna Keep Moving" which is the opening song for the album. This is an upbeat tune that talks about keeping on during struggles and hard times. "Heaven's Harbor" is a strong ballad. "Unshakable Rock" features bass singer Earl Roberts. Roberts has a mellow style that fits the traditional Dixie Melody Boys sound. "There's A Cross On The Side of The Road" is an emotional ballad, and "My Child Well Done" is another toe tapping, upbeat song.

Just as the Dixie Melody Boys have done faithfully for over 50 years, this group continues to travel and sing their style of gospel music. While Ed may be no longer doing every date, he's still committed to leading the quartet and is excited for what God has in store for the future. That means southern gospel music fans can expect more of the same great music the Dixie Melody Boys has given us for over five decades.





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Listening to the radio I heard the No Name Quartet singing "Song Of My Surrender." The song itself touched me, but also the name of this quartet caught my attention. No Name Quartet. So I reached out to Bob Jackson, the lead of this wonderful group, to share their ministry through these questions.

Jantina Baksteen: Please introduce No Name Quartet to the SGN Scoops readers. Why did you hide for so long?

NO NAME QUARTET: Even though NNQ [No Name Quartet] has only recently been introduced to the Southern Gospel world, we've been a group for nearly 20 years. Originally, we intentionally kept a low profile to not become over-committed. We all have successful careers outside of the music world and have had families to raise. So singing in churches, occasional banquets, and retirement communities less than 10 times a year was as much as we wanted. The thing that changed this was the encouragement of John Darin Rowsey. We opened for a concert featuring the Guard-

ians and the Booth Brothers in our hometown. Afterwards, John was very gracious and encouraging, and was frankly surprised that we hadn't recorded. This was the start of us getting the bug to produce a recording. About the same time, another bug started the pandemic. So like many groups, we had time to ponder our direction, as well as what a first-time recording might sound like. Bob reached out to John about producing it and contributing songs. Then things took off. You could say that out of the Covid cocoon we emerged a more serious music group with our first EP.

JB: On your website you shared the two reasons why you have this name. Could you share both reasons?

NNQ: Our name was created by a concert scheduler as "shorthand" for our four names/lack of a name. We were fine with the anonymity since we were intentionally "flying under the radar."

However, the name stuck, and we became known

throughout our region with this unusual identity. On a spiritual level, we like the scripture in Acts that says "...salvation is found in no other name." It's not about us, but about him. He alone deserves the glory.

JB: What are your musical influences?

NNQ: All four of us grew up in Indiana--with Gaither songs being sung in our home churches. So that was probably the first influence. Bob Jackson (lead) and the Yocum brothers had the benefit of going to all-night sings that featured many of the great quartets too. At a recent practice, Mike and Tim brought in their Dad's record collection that included many of the great groups like the Blackwood Brothers and the Statesman.

Although brothers Mike (bass) and Tim Yocum (tenor) are well-rooted in Southern Gospel, baritone Jeff Secaur is not, and needed Bob's ongoing education in all things SG. Bob even went so far as to burn 6 CDs of what he considered SG classics, and then knocked-on Jeff's door to drop them off—in order to get him to join the group. So Jeff's early influences are traditional gospel, hymns, and CCM--having sung with college groups and worship teams, prior to his conversion to SG.

JB: The reason you sing is to lift up God's name and share His message of hope to this dying world. How has your ministry been a blessing to those you sing to?

NNQ: Having sung for as long as we have, we hear over and over how encouraged folks have been through the years. It's easy to forget the impact of a meaningful song lyric in a beautiful setting. Living in this world, it's a constant battle for the mind—and the more we can fill it with spiritual truth the more the Holy Spirit can do his sanctifying work. That's why one of the most satisfying things we hear is how a song we have sung has resonated with someone who is dealing with personal pain like the loss of a loved-one—or how they were feeling low, but left encouraged.

We do a cover of the famed "He Touched Me" and after nearly every service, we hearsomeone's personal story of how they came to Christ—and how that song brought them back to that time. The song helped rejuvenate their first love.

Lastly, for many of the past 20 years, we have sung

without payment. This allowed us to minister in churches that couldn't afford to bring in a group yet needed encouragement. If nothing else, this was a great blessing to us. We trust it brought hope to them.

JB: Next to that family has been a major influence for your ministry. Could you take us there?

NNQ: Family is very important to us. We've been blessed to have Bob's dad open our concerts with piano preludes. In a way, he is the one who started it all with raising Bob to love gospel music. Jeff's son Aaron performs at our annual Mother's Day concert too and has joined the group for a song or two. And of course, the Yocum brothers have been the comic relief for the group with their ongoing sibling rivalry--both competing for the title of their mother's favorite son at our annual Mother's Day concert.

JB: You have a great song out to radio called "Song Of My Surrender" from your Songs Of Grace EP that has 8 recordings. Could you share how this project came together?

NNQ: We touched on how the album came together previously, but we might add that "Song of My Surrender" was written by Russell Pruitt and put to music by John Darin Rowsey. From the moment John shared it with us, all four of us loved it and wanted to put on the album. The same was true for "I'm Getting Ready." Even though the demo was a very basic recording without all the words, we saw the potential and knew that it was a fun, upbeat song that was a great reminder to be ready for Christ's return. John Rowsey and Daryll Williams wrote the music and were gracious enough to share it with us. The other songs have a closer to home flavor. Our good friend, Wally Brath, wrote "What a Savior." We love the rich theology of the song as well as the musical setting. JDR came up with the triumphal ending that gave us goosebumps when we heard it. Also, Wally's friend, Kurt Felsman, wrote "Taste and See" as a worship song and gave us permission to give it more of a gospel feel—which became Celtic in the final studio version when violin was added...laughter. We like the song from many perspectives, but we use it in most settings to introduce the group vocally with solos for each of us at the beginning. More than this, it is an invitation to come into the faith and know that the Lord is good and true. We love how it blends in "God is So Good" as a part of the message.



Lastly, "Run for the Finish Line" is a song by Tim Shepherd that was sung by Tim, Dallas Holm, and Phil Johnson in the mid-eighties. Our own Jeff Secaur had the sheet music for it and approached John about producing it with a more up-to-date vibe. When we got to the studio to hear the direction the musicians were going with it, it just blew us away. It was beyond anything we could have imagined. We love singing it because the song is such a direct encouragement to not live for what we see in the physical world but to run for that eternal finish line that Paul admonished us to live for.

JB: I know it's a long process to select songs that speak to you first but also minister to the crowd you sing to.

NNQ: Certainly, a song should minister to you first or challenge you in some way for you to want to sing it. How else can you interpret it meaningfully when performing? We select songs that speak to us and resonate with what the Holy Spirit is teaching us. Since we don't have a large body of work that we have written, we often sing classics that have reminded us of God's grace and the personal work he has done.

JB: Could one of you share your testimony when you found it was time to surrender your life?

NNQ: As Bob has shared in our concerts, when we sing about surrendering, it's not just about that moment when we come to Christ. It's about the ongoing need for submission to His call on a daily, moment-by-moment basis. The need for surrender doesn't end at conversion. We must continually "bend the knee" to his will, die to self, and take up his cross.

JB: What is it like to experience folks coming to the altar during your concert?

NNQ: We often encourage folks to reach out to us or their pastor after a concert. With most concerts, we hear personal stories of faith or loss or ongoing struggle. It gives us an opportunity to pray and connect with them one-on-one at a deeper level. This is the most meaningful part of the evening for us.

JB: What message of hope do you share during a concert?

NNQ: The songs we sing are rooted in hope. This is the primary difference between music that Christian's sing and what the world promotes. As believers, we offer a contrast to the darkness, selfishness, and the "me at the center of the universe" worldview. Praise God we have been rescued from this emptiness through Christ's intervention! We share the encouragement we find in the scriptures, the text of our songs, and many times simply life lessons that we've learned by raising kids in a fallen world. We never go into a concert with a script knowing what we are going to say and when we are going to say it—perhaps we should. But I think that's what keeps things fresh and not artificial. We've often been told how much people enjoy our on-stage banter and sense of humor. Also, we try not to take

ourselves too seriously—we have fun laughing at ourselves and each other.

JB: Could you share some information about the yearly event you host? How can folks be part of that event?

NNQ: Our Mother's Day concert has been a tradition in our area for more than a decade. It's a no-charge event that we host and just have a great time performing. We sing our songs—both old and new, as well as inject plenty of humor into the night. For years, Mike and Tim were comically vying for the title of their mom's most beloved son. The extremes they went to were hilarious and really highlighted the family feel to the event. Last year, we launched our first-ever CD with an album party, performed all the new songs and invited family and friends to perform. This year, we are welcoming Michael Booth to the event. It's going to be a wonderful night that we hope will help to top off a great day of honoring all the moms. It's at 6:00 on Sunday, May 8th in Winona Lake, IN.

JB: So what exciting things do you have on the horizon?

NNQ: In addition to our Mother's Day concert, we're looking forward to what has become an annual event of opening for the Guardians and the Booth Brothers in late August. We also will be joining Poet Voices in the Fall for a concert in Matthews, Indiana, and then opening for Triumphant in November at Winona Lake Grace church. There are some other opportunities brewing but we will announce them on our website: nonamequartet.com and on Facebook.

JB: When churches or events want to book you for a



service what's the best way to reach you? NNQ: If you are interested in contacting us about a church concert or other event, we welcome your inquiry through our website contact page or message us on Facebook. Thank you for asking!

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Singing and Making Music In Life's Battles: The Battle is God's

By: Charlie Griffin

There is a saying "Music prepares the way for battle." Singing and music have been an integral part of warfare and the soldier's life since the dawn of history. Even the instruments on which it is played have acquired great symbolic power, a regiment's drummer and their drums are second only to its colors as an emblem of honor and tradition.

The function of music in war has always been twofold: as a means of communication and as a psychological weapon. Among the oldest references to the latter role appears in Joshua Chapter 6 with an exceptionally detailed description of the deployment of ram's horns against Jericho, the oldest fortified human settlement known to archaeology.

Both the Greek and Roman armies used brass and percussion instruments — including the ancestors of the modern cornet and tuba — to convey information on the march, in the field and in camp.

King David is first to be documented to use music in religious worship or rituals, according to the Larousse Encyclopedia of Music. He is credited with confirming the men of the Tribe of Levi as the "custodians of the music of the divine service."

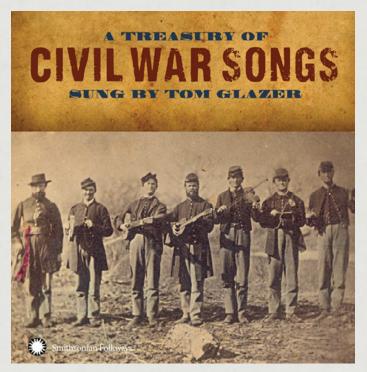
World historian Irene Hesk says, "Of the thirty-nine Old Testament books the Book of Psalms points to King David as "the bedrock of Judeo-Christian hymnology," concluding that "no other poetry has been set to music more often in Western civilization."

According to ancient music historian UNCW Professor and Chair Theodore Burgh, "If we were able to step into the biblical period, we would find a culture filled with music where people used music in their daily lives. Such music was capable of expressing a great variety of moods and feelings or the broadly marked antitheses of joy and sorrow, hope and fear, faith and doubt."

During the first half of the Middle Ages, music was found in the courts and churches of Europe while limited on the battlefield. The Crusades changed that, as they did so much else.

The great series of western holy wars were the Crusades, which lasted from 1095 until 1291 CE. The aim was to capture the sacred places in the Holy Land from the Muslims who lived there, so it was intended as a war to right wrongs done against Christianity. The first Crusade was started by Pope Urban II in 1095. Often troubadours would go before the army announcing the battalion's arrival. Songs or chants were sung while marching; many historians agree it allowed the troops to keep the consistent marching rhythm.

While engaged in battle, hearing a verbal command or shout was difficult for a squadron. However, music reverberated through the ranks. Musically transmitted signals could be heard above the crash of gunfire. The voice of the trumpet and the cadence of the drums were clear and distinctive.



making them vital to command and control troop movement and the flow of the battle.

Over time, the various national armies of Europe standardized their musically conveyed orders into a set of calls. Manuals from as early as the mid-16th century list such calls as March, Allarum, Approach, Assault, Retreat and Skirmish. Being able to identify those signals and translate them into specific actions was as basic a training skill as loading a musket.

Every nation eventually adopted its own signature march — the precursor of the modern national anthem — and its troops were required to memorize it as well. Amid the smoke of battle, a column of troops on the move half a mile away might be friendly or hostile, but even if their battle standard was obscured, they might be identified by their march music.

During the Civil War, Union and Confederate regiments would play and sing as they marched and, in their camps, spread their chosen songs to the communities they encountered around the country. In addition to the large military bands assigned to army units, smaller groups of field musicians played instruments such as fifes, drums and bugles to accompany the troops in their daily activities—from wakeup and roll call to drills and marches to light's out—and even during battle.

Over the decades, music has been programmed with military parades in most countries. Music is the timing to most coronations and ceremonies of distinction. Countries are proud of their national anthems showing deliberate patriotism of the masses.

Why is this history important you ask? As Christian music artists we are engaged in a battle. Perhaps not in a military sense, but one of matters of the mind, heart and soul. Our commission is to share the good news, Mark 16:15.

Music plays an integral part in our life battles. It paves the way to press on and reach out to those who are searching for life's meaning. Music soothes the troubled soul giving hope, joy and peace. It is a balm that makes the worst day better anytime, anywhere.



As believers we face our own life battles. Songs of faith and hope are our anthem as we work through life's troubled situations. There is something to be said of a lyrically sound song that reaches the ear, mind and soul. Such a song can touch the listener while it quickens the heart.

Given today's world climate of events, there are global battles taking place in the physical world, in

our own communities and lives. These things are not new to humankind, but they are hitting close to our lives in today's world. enemies were confused. Bewildered, they were ambushed and smitten. None escaped, proving the battle was Gods.

N. Salaman

The story of David and Goliath is one of anticipation, humor and fulfillment. As the children of Israel stood in awe of Goliath, they winced when the

In 2 Chronicles (1-24) you will find comfort with the profound recognition "The Battle is not yours but God's." As Jehoshaphat found confidence in this word, he appointed singers that would go before the army singing and making music. Their words were simple: "Praise the Lord; For his mercy endures forever." As they sang in happy jubilation, the





shepherd boy, David, said he would face Goliath. The Palestinians found humor in a child facing their best warrior. But with five stones, David slew Goliath.

Some say the stones represent FAITH. It is often said that David was a man after God's own heart. When reading about David's life one would have to infer his relationship with God was based on the revelation, "The battle's not his, but God's."



Songwriter Sandy Knight penned the Roy Knight Singers' hit song "Little David." Knight shares, "Our ministry was going through a battle during that time. One night we sang with a heavy heart. As we were leaving a minister whispered in my ear, "be not dismayed by reason of this great multitude" 2 Chronicles 20:15. This minister did not know our battle. But his words directed me. When I got home, I began to read more on the battles. Little David came from this. Over the years this is the one song that if we did not sing it, people were disappointed. Everyone can relate to having a battle and being like Little David."

There is more to this – read on. Zephaniah 3:17 reaffirms that the battle is God's. It also shows how much God loves singing. "The Lord your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer

rebuke you but will rejoice over you with singing." Yes, God cares for you so much he rejoices over you with singing.



According to Paul there is a definite relationship between our knowledge of the Bible and our expression of worship in song. One way we teach and encourage ourselves and others is through the singing of God's word, hymns. Engaging in lyrical theologically rich songs and music is like savoring your morning coffee. It is full hope and enriches your relationship with God. Joining words of faithful teachings to melodies can move us is a way where we can meditate on what is real, true and important. It allows the healing work of music to connect our heads to our hearts. It is where true change and transformation takes place. David mirrors this when he penned the Psalms.

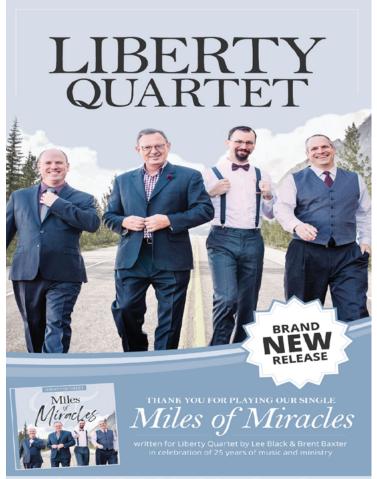


Music and singing prepares the heart to receive the word of life. It calms the troubled soul and mind. When we absorb these songs of hope, joy, comfort, peace, forgiveness and life we take in God's word. John 14:6 shares the path to truth, life and a personal relationship with the realization life's battles are not our own.

When life's battles are raging round you, there is hope. There is comfort and peace. Singing a song prepares the way to victory. It is in these battles that we can sing loudest. Remember "The Battle's not yours, but it's God's."













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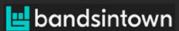
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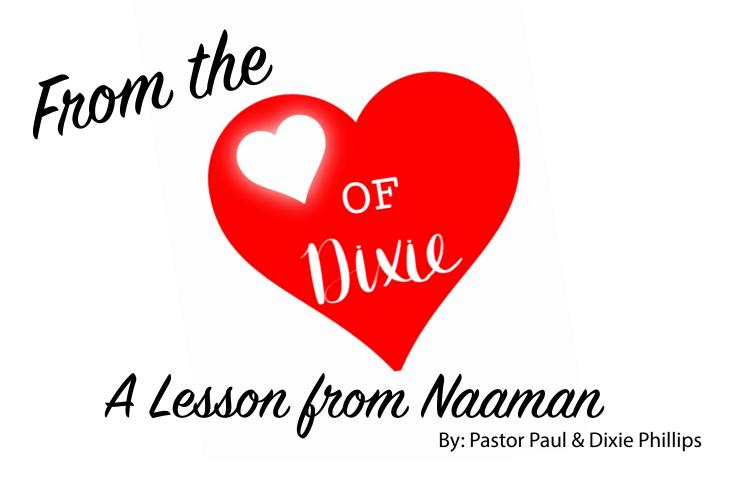
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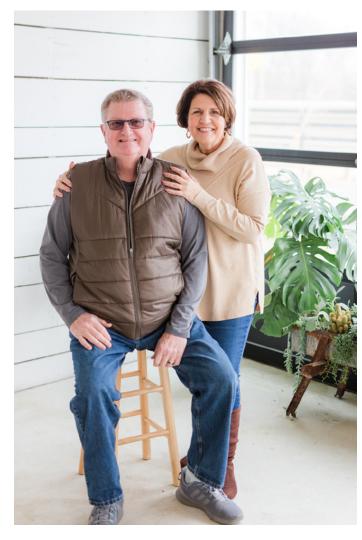


The king of Syria had high admiration for Naaman, the commander-in-chief of his army, for he had led his troops to many glorious victories. So he was a great hero, but he was a leper. 2 Kings 5:1

Naaman was a powerful Assyrian leader with a fatal flaw. He had leprosy, a disease that did not discriminate. Even though he was a man in a position of military power and influence, he was susceptible to a common man's illness.

Naaman's army had captured a young Hebrew girl, who was given to Naaman's wife as a servant. This girl never forgot what she had learned among the Hebrews about God's power and faithfulness. When she learned about Naaman's disease, she had the courage to share about the miracles the prophet Elisha had done in the Lord's name. She was convinced if Naaman could meet Elisha, he would be cured of his disease.

Permission was granted for Naaman to travel to Israel to meet with the prophet, but when he arrived at Elisha's house, he was shocked and insulted that the prophet didn't come out to talk with him. Instead, Elisha sent instructions to Naaman to



go wash seven times in the muddy Jordan River. Naaman was offended. He felt he was too important to bathe in the dirty Jordan River.

Naaman's servants loved him. They approached him and said, "If the prophet had told you to do something mighty and difficult, wouldn't you do it? Why don't you just go ahead and do the simple task he is asking."

Naaman humbled himself and obeyed the prophet's instructions. He dipped himself in the Jordan River seven times and was completely healed.

Many of God's children feel they are called to serve Him, but when lowly acts of service are presented, they respond like Naaman. "I refuse to dip into the muddy Jordan. This is not what I expected serving the Lord and His kingdom to look like. I am capable of so much more."

But then the Holy Spirit reminds us, "If I had told you to do some great and mighty thing, you would have done it. Can you do this humble service for Me?"

Sometimes people say, "God has big plans for my life." But when the Lord opens a humble door of

service they are discouraged because it wasn't the "big plans" they were expecting. They would rather do nothing than something they feel is "beneath" them.

Oh, how God needs "little" leaders. Those who aren't too big to serve in small ways.

Begin serving where you are. Don't let what appears to be lowly service stop you from being a blessing. Kingdom principles are radically different than our self-serving society: the way up is down. If you want to be great, serve. Making Jesus known is more important than promoting a selfish agenda.

What a valuable lesson of obedience we can learn from Naaman's story. There is no service too small. Whatever the Lord needs us to do, let us do it with all our heart.

Work at everything you do with all your heart. Colossians 3:23

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POSIT	ion Song Title	ARTIST/LABEL			
1	GO TELL ONE	WHISNANTS/UIA			
2	SONGS OF GRACE	GREATER VISION/DAYWIND/NEW DAY			
3	NOT ONE WORD	COLLINGSWORTH FAMILY/STOWTOWN			
4	OH, WHAT A DAY	MYLON HAYES FAMILY/UIA			
5	MY JESUS	LEFEVRE QUARTET/DAYWIND/NEW DAY			
6	HIS WILL, HIS WAY, OUR FAITH	HYSSONGS/INDEPENDENT			
7	IT'S STILL GOOD NEWS	GUARDIANS/STOWTOWN			
8	STONES	CRABB FAMILY/DAYWIND			
9	CAN YOU SEE THE CLOCK	HOPPERS/HOPPER MUSIC			
10	MAKE IT COUNT	THE SOUND/NEW DAY RECORDS			
11	JERICHO	JOSEPH HABEDANK/DAYWIND/NEW DAY			
12	I'VE COME TOO FAR	BROWDERS/DREAM BIG			
13	YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN	DOWN EAST BOYS/CROSSROADS			
14	I HAVE GOD TO THANK FOR EVERYTHING				
15	NOT MY WILL	TRIBUTE QT/DAYWIND			
16	THE SAME	TAYLORS/STOWTOWN			
17	BLACK, WHITE, AND RED	WILBURN & WILBURN/DAYWIND/NEW DAY			
18	GOODNESS OF GOOD	TRIUMPHANT/STOWTOWN			
19	GIVE ME JESUS	TALLEYS/CROSSROADS			
20	TAKE ME BACK	Browns/StowTown			
21	GOOD TO BE HOME	ERNIE HAASE & SIGNATURE SOUND/STOWTOWN			
22	THUNDER	Jim & Melissa Brady/Daywind			
23	GIVEN, BURIED, RISEN	LEGACY FIVE/DAYWIND			
24	WHAT WE NEED	MARK TRAMMELL QT/CRIMSON ROAD			
25	HE'S GOT A WAY	SOUTHBOUND/DAYWIND			
26	CHURCH OF THE GREAT I AM	KINGSMEN/CROSSROADS			
27	THE WORLD NEEDS A NEW SONG	LORE FAMILY/CROSSROADS			
28	COME HOME KIND OF GOD	ENDLESS HIGHWAY/CROSSROADS			
29	HE WENT A LITTLE FURTHER	BIBLETONES/INDEPENDENT			
30	ALL OF MY HELP	Erwins/StowTown			
31	CHILDREN SING	Nelons/Daywind			
32	PEOPLE LIKE ME	Jeff & Sheri Easter/Gaither Music			
33	Don't Wait	TIM MENZIES/NEW DAY/DAYWIND			
34	ANSWER IS JESUS	KAREN PECK & NEW RIVER/DAYWIND			
35	MY FEET ARE ON THE ROCK	GAITHER VOCAL BAND/SPRINGHOUSE MUSIC			
36	GRACE AND GOODNESS	Sunday Drive/StowTown			
37	LETTERS FROM HEAVEN	11TH HOUR/CROSSROADS			
38	READ IT AGAIN	WILLIAMSONS/FAMILY MUSIC GROUP			
39	IT AIN'T OVER YET	SACRED HARMONY/INDEPENDENT			
40	WHAT YOU COULD NEVER GET OVER	KINGDOM HEIRS/CROSSROADS			
41	THIS IS THE CHURCH	Steeles/StowTown			
42	HOW GOOD THE GOOD NEWS FEELS	THE OLD PATHS/CROSSROADS			
43	THE GOD OF GIDEON	FORESTERS/INDEPENDENT			
44	TWICE ON SUNDAYS	POET VOICES/INDEPENDENT			
45	JESUS SHOWED UP	JUSTIFIED/BIG PICTURE RECORDS			
46	HE HAS A WAY OF TURNING THE TIDE	CHRONICLE/BUTLER MUSIC GROUP			
47	THE LIGHTHOUSE	RONNIE HINSON/INDEPENDENT			
48	THIS IS MY STORY	Kenna Turner West/Crossroads			
49	WHEN THEY SEE ME	Freemans/Goldvine			
50	THE CROSS HE CARRIED	PHILLIPS & BANKS/INDEPENDENT			

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POSITI	ON SONG TITLE	ARTIST/LABEL			
51	EVERYTHING	LAUREN TALLEY/CROSSROADS			
52	GREATER GOD	Kramers/StowTown			
53	WHAT THE CROSS REALLY IS	Brian Free & Assurance/Daywind			
54	Inside Information	TIM LIVINGSTON/DIAMOND MILL			
55	THEN AND THERE	MASTER'S VOICE/INDEPENDENT			
56	TWO COATS	HIGH ROAD/NEW DAY			
57	I Wanna Go	Jordan Family Band/ARS			
58	COUNT IT VICTORY	THREE BRIDGES/CROSSROADS			
59	STILL	MCKAMEY LEGACY/CROSSROADS			
60	TOO NEAR WELL DONE	SOUND STREET/INDEPENDENT			
61	LEAVIN' ON MY MIND	Kim Hopper/Daywind			
62		OLD TIME PREACHERS QT/FAMILY MUSIC GROUP			
63	NOBODY KNOWS BETTER THAN ME	TIFFANY COBURN/STOWTOWN			
64	You Never Know	Dunaways/Independent			
65	SET THE SAILS	Troy Burns Family/Chapel Valley			
66	ACROSS THE RIVER	MARK BISHOP/CROSSROADS			
67	THE WELL	FIELDS OF GRACE/FAMILY MUSIC GROUP			
68	HE NEVER GIVES UP ON ME	MICHAEL BOOTH/DAYWIND			
69	IT AIN'T OVER YET	3 HEATH BROTHERS/CROSSROADS			
70	WHAT PUT ME IN	PHILLIPS FAMILY/BUTLER MUSIC GROUP			
71	MASTERPIECE	GREG SULLIVAN/INDEPENDENT			
72	GOOD VS EVIL	MICHAEL COMBS/INDEPENDENT			
73	STANDING ON THE WORD	JOYAIRES/INDEPENDENT			
74	EVERYDAY BATTLES	ZANE AND DONNA KING/STOWTOWN			
75	BEAUTIFUL THE HANDS	FAMILY LEGACY/INDEPENDENT			
76	LET US PRAY	PAID IN FULL/STOWTOWN			
77	THERE IS HOPE	JOSH AND ASHLEY FRANKS/INDEPENDENT			
78	CAN'T KEEP A GOOD MAN DOWN	AVENUE/INDEPENDENT			
79	SWEET THINGS OUT OF DARK PLACES	DIVINE 3/INDEPENDENT			
80	REDEEMING BLOOD	GRIFFINS/INDEPENDENT			
81	YOUR HEART ISN'T FAR FROM A SONG	MERCY'S WELL/INDEPENDENT			
82	CALL ON HIS NAME	RIVER'S EDGE/INDEPENDENT			
83	HIS STRENGTH IS PERFECT	GORDON MOTE/NEW HAVEN			
84	JOHN 3:16 IS CALLING OUT TO YOU	THE PERRYS/STOWTOWN			
85	WALK AWAY	BILLY WALKER/MANSION			
86	WHEN THE SON ARRIVES	PROMISELAND QUARTET/INDEPENDENT			
87	HOPE	CANA'S VOICE/STOWTOWN			
88	OPENING SOON	BIG MO/INDEPENDENT			
89	SONG OF MY SURRENDER	NO NAME QT/INDEPENDENT			
90	GROW UP SLOW	SCOTTY INMAN/STOWTOWN			
91	THIS SHIP HAS SAILED	BATCHELOR FAMILY/INDEPENDENT			
92	YOU'RE LOVE IS NOT FINISHED WITH M				
93	DO IT AGAIN	VOICE OF TRUTH/INDEPENDENT			
94	HE OUTSTRETCHED HIS HANDS FOR MI				
95	JUST A SIMPLE THANK YOU	MARK DUBBELD FAMILY/SONG GARDEN			
96	GRANDMA'S PRAYER	MELISSA EVANS/CHAPEL VALLEY			
97	MY JESUS	HULLENDERS/INDEPENDENT			
98	HOME	CHITANS/CROSSROADS			
99	HIGHER	ADAM CRABB/DAYWIND			
100	HEAVENLY RESOURCE	ISBELL FAMILY/CHAPEL VALLEY			
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1	KNEEL, STAND, WALK, RUN, AND	FLY EAGLES WINGS/INDEPENDENT/HYM			
2	THERE'S NO NEW WAY HOME	JOE MULLINS & RADIO RAMBLERS/BILLY BLUE RECORDS			
3	Dallas	GOSPEL PLOWBOYS/MORNING GLORY MUSIC			
4	I AM SO BLESSED	LES BUTLER & PRIMITVE QT/FAMILY MUSIC GROUP			
5	In the Sweet by & by	DOLLY PARTON/BILLY BLUE RECORDS			
6	TWO COATS	HIGH ROAD/DAYWIND/NEW DAY			
7	Only God Can Satisfy	HEAVEN'S MOUNTAIN BAND/FAMILY MUSIC GROUP			
8	HAPPY ON MY WAY	LORRANE JORDAN & CAROLINA ROAD/INDEPENDENT			
9	YOU PUT ME FIRST	GRASCALS/CROSSROADS			
10	IN THE HEAT OF THE BATTLE	Brent Rochester Family/Independent			

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POSITION SONG TITLE	ARTIST/LABEL
1 HIS NAME IS JESUS	TIM MENZIES/NEW DAY RECORDS
2 COME TO JESUS MEETIN'	GERALD CRABB/INDEPENDENT
3 AMERICAN HEROES	HUNTER MAY/INDEPENDENT
4 MERCY CAME RUNNING	CHOSEN ROAD/SONG GARDEN
5 JAILBREAK	MARK209/INDEPENDENT
6 YOU'RE EVERYWHERE	SHELLEM CLINE/TIRE SWING RECORDS
7 PATIENTLY WAITING	STEVE BRIDGMON/INDEPENDENT
8 THE REST OF THE STORY	RAY WOLFORD/HMG
9 THEY TRIED	Doug Corum/Independent
10 HALLELUJAH HOMECOMING	WILBURN & WILBURN/DAYWIND
11 JOY	Branded/Independent
12 YOUR SON	CHRIS GOLDEN/24K RECORDS
13 CAPABLE HANDS	MICHAEL ROBERTS/INDEPENDENT
14 JONAH, JOB & MOSES	CAROLINA/INDEPENDENT
15 A DAY	CAROL BARHAM/M.A.C. RECORDS
16 GOD DOESN'T CARE	JACKSON HEIGHTS/CENTER STAGE MUSIC
17 ALWAYS ANGELS	DAVID TIMMS/INDEPENDENT
18 COME ON BACK	PARDONED/MANSION
19 LITTLE THINGS	MELISSA EVANS/CHAPEL VALLEY
20 HE WILL SEE ME THROUGH	DON STILES/INDEPENDENT
21 ROCK BOTTOM	KEVIN AND KIM ABNEY/INDEPENEDENT
22 COME TO JESUS MOMENT	Donna Ulisse/Billy Blue Records
23 LITTLE TALK WITH JESUS	Tonja Rose/Mansion
24 OH THE LORD HAS BEEN SO GOOD TO ME	DENNIS JOLLY/CHAPEL VALLEY
25 TOUGHER THAN NAILS	BEV MCCANN/INDEPENDENT
26 GOD IN THE GUITAR STRINGS	MITCHELL WHISNANT/INDEPENDENT
27 HERE I GO AGAIN	Journeys/Chapel Valley
28 Promise Land	SAM L. SMITH/INDEPENDENT
29 LAUGH OFTEN	Kali Rose/Independent
30 STILL A SPECIAL PLACE	TONY ALAN BATES/INDEPENDENT
31 TILL I HAVE NO STRENGTH TO GIVE	APPOINTED2/INDEPENDENT
32 COME ON HOME	TIM DAVIS/INDEPENDENT
33 GARDEN OF MY HEART	BARBER FAMILY/INDEPENDENT
34 HE HEARS MY EVERY PRAYER	Jessica Horton/M.A.C. Records
35 MOUNTAIN MOVING GOD	PURPOSE/CHAPEL VALLEY
36 EARTH TO GOD	JOHN RICH/INDEPENDENT
37 STARBOARD SIDE JUI	DITH MONTGOMERY & FAMILY/CHAPEL VALLEY
38 HE DIDN'T THROW THE CLAY AWAY	GENE REASONER/INDEPENDENT
39 WE KNOW	JIMMY R. PRICE/INDEPENDENT
40 I've Seen Enough	NATHAN ARENO/INDEPENDENT
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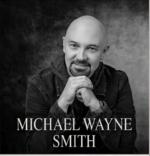
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Spring Time~



Celebration Time!

by Staci Schwager

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Every time we go into Rural King or Tractor Supply, I must check out the cheap 5.99-9.99 t-shirt sections. Rural King has been my go-to wardrobe shop for the past 3 years that we've lived here. My kids haven't said anything, but I think secretly, in the back of their minds, they are saying "oh great mom is going to get another chicken shirt." Let's just say I am a chicken farmer or maybe a better term is- "a chicken collector" and I do love my chicken tees! I've got everything from Grant Wood's painting of The American Gothic- but "chicken style", to a Love shirt with a chicken as the "o" and then there is my absolute favorite from this year- "All you need is Jesus and chickens." To say I love my chickens might be an understatement and I've gotten a lot of compliments on my shirts regardless of what the kids say.

The other morning, I woke up early to get a head start on my flower bed weeding. It was supposed to be hot that day so I thought- I'm going to get started on my weeding so in the heat of the day I can cool off with my pressure washing chores. It's full on spring here with the weather getting into the low to mid 80's- so clean up time on the farm!

The night before my daughter, her friend and I went to a special women's event at our church. During the event we were talking about how we should celebrate the great things God does in our lives. In the good times and even in the hard times. Several women spoke at the event sharing things that were going on in life and the ways God always has His hand in things. Different businesses around town also donated gifts for the event and they did random drawings. All the gifts were wrapped with beautiful bows and colorful paper! As each woman who was drawn opened their gift- the crowd was instructed to celebrate with them- and we did! There was clapping, applause and cheering all around the lawn we were gathered in.

So, I know you are probably wondering what this all has to do with my chickens right? As I was sitting there pulling weeds, one of my chickens started squawking. It wasn't just a one-time thing- it was huge and went on for about 10 minutes. She was clucking, squawking and really carrying on. Soon all the other chickens started coming around to that area of the yard clucking and carrying on too, even the roosters came over to join! Being the chicken farmer (collector) I

am, I knew exactly what had happened, so I continued to work at pulling the weeds and would later verify what had happened. Sure enough, as I went inside I pulled that freshly laid egg out from my planter box on the porch! It was precisely what I thought it was- the egg laying jubilee!

Later that evening I picked up the egg again. As I started washing it, I reflected over the busy day, the service we had gone to, and the chickens in their celebrations. It occurred to me that even the chickens get it!

So much has gone on over the past month in our lives. We have a daughter who is graduating, a car that just broke down, the dishwasher went out, then the microwave, prom is next weekend, inflation, gas prices going up..... I could go on and on! Like me, you are probably thinking right now dollar signs, dollar signs, dollar signs! I couldn't help but think back to the service and how God, like only He can do, tied it all together!

You see that morning this one little hen was celebrating. She was getting her praise on! Thanking the God of the universe that she just laid that perfect egg. The other hens and roosters were celebrating with her too!

How often do we forget to do the same? We have so much to celebrate and thank God for! Yes, graduation and prom can be expensive but thank you God that you gave me this child to raise 17 years ago. Thank you for giving me the strength and providing so I could home-school for the past 12 years! Thank you, Lord, for the stove I have that to use when the microwave goes down, my best friend just put an offer on a house in a crazy market and the offer was accepted, another made an A on her nursing final, and the list can go on and on!

How often do we NOT take the time to celebrate with our friends, our family or the people we come in contact with? The song that came to my mind when I was thinking about my little hen and her egg was "Great Are You Lord". You may already know this song but here they are:

You give life, You are love You bring light to the darkness You give hope, You restore Every heart that is broken

Great are You, Lord

It's Your breath in our lungs

So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
To You only

You give life, You are love You bring light to the darkness You give hope, You restore Every heart that is broken

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All the earth will shout Your praise Our hearts will cry These bones will sing Great are You, Lord

It's Your breath in our lungs
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To You only

The lyrics say "ALL the earth will shout Your praise, Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing...Great are You, Lord! Normally I wouldn't consider a chicken to be the smartest animal in the world, in fact most of the time they are quite dumb! But isn't it funny how God can use even the dumbest thing to reveal something profound to us? He can use the chickens in my life, these pre-historic looking, mini velociraptors, as a reminder to me to celebrate! In the good times and even in the trials, I need to celebrate just like the chickens- ALL He does and continues to do in my life and those around me!

This is a SGNScoops magazine, so music is what we love around here right? I want to encourage you to check out one more of my favorite songs. It's got more of a country type feel too it, but the main artist is known more for praise and worship songs. I love it though and it helps me get energized for the day-check out "Thank you Lord" by Chris Tomlin, feat. Thomas Rhett and Florida Georgia Line and Happy Spring!

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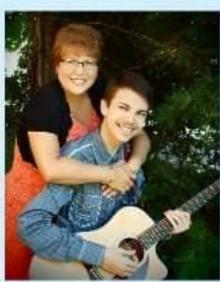


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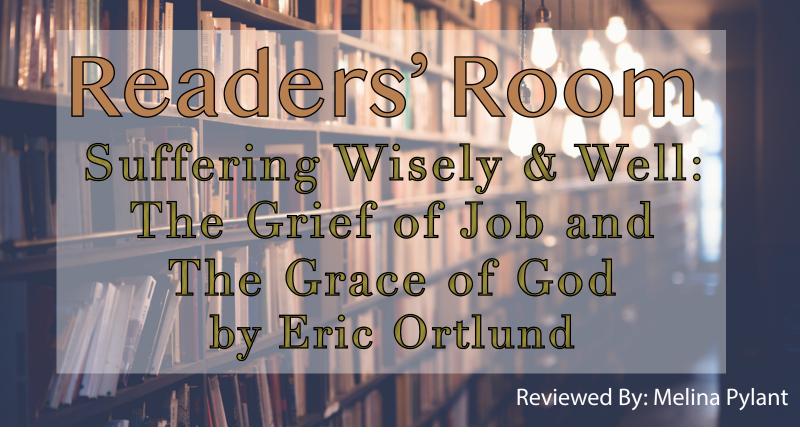


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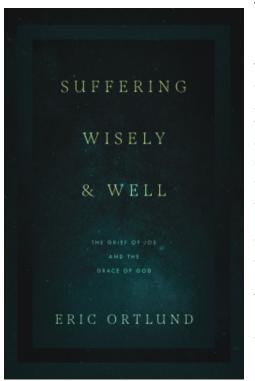
Suffering Wisely & Well: The Grief of Job and The Grace of God By: Eric Ortlund Publish date: February 22, 2022 Publisher: Crossway

What a great, in depth description and explanation of suffering and how to deal with it biblically. This book thoroughly helps you think through biblical examples of suffering with multiple scripture references and a "deep dive" into Job like no other I've ever read.

One of my favorite passages in the book: "After all, the only kind of relationship with God that will save us is one where he is loved for who he is, for his own sake, irrespective of what secondary, earthly blessings we gain or lose because of our relationship with him. Unless Christians can, perhaps imperfectly but sincerely, affirm the all-surpassing worth of knowing God (Phil. 3:8)—surpassing even the worth of knowing one's children—then we will be bored in the new creation, where God is "all in all" (1 Cor. 15:28). Our relationship with God must be greater than the secondary blessings he gives us, because it is a matter of time until we lose every secondary blessing when we die."

-Eric Ortlund, Suffering Wisely and Well: The Grief of Job and the Grace of God

That hit me square in the eyes and heart. If we can't try to fully keep our eyes on God while here, no matter our circumstances, how will we appreciate Him to the fullest when we are with Him in glory and He is EVERYTHING? Even through suffering, death, poverty, illness, depression, etc etc etc, a life with Christ is still our ultimate goal. Things of earth will fall away, when we set our eyes wholly on the light that is our Savior.



This is a great book to help us deal with the "whys" of this life. Also, If you would like a deeper understanding of Job, this is a great book. I thoroughly enjoyed this and would recommend this book to my friends and family. Lalso think it would be

a great discussion/lesson book for church small groups and adult Sunday Schools.

I was given an eARC of this book from NetGalley in exchange for my honest review.





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I'm typically not a social media gal. I will go on there every once in a while dont get me wrong, but it's maybe a once a day or every other day type thing. Apparently the other day was the right day to hop on! Pillsbury had just posted a spring/ summer dessert that looked amazing! It's Strawberry season in Tennessee and our family is planning a strawberry picking adventure this weekend so it couldn't have popped up at a more perfect time! So here is my next go-to recipe- I'm thinking it will be perfect for the next picnic, cookout or just a great Sunday-after church-special treat! I just love lemonade and strawberries- they are my favorites in the spring and summer months so I'm super excited.... Thanks Pillsbury.com!

Strawberry-Lemonade Sugar Cookie Sheet-Pan Bars

Ingredients
2 rolls (16.5 oz) refrigerated Pillsbury™ Sugar Cookie Dough
1 jar (10 oz) lemon curd
2 cups (from 8-oz container) Cool Whip frozen whipped topping, thawed
4 cups chopped fresh strawberries (25 medium)
1 tablespoon finely grated lemon zest, if desired

Heat oven to 350°F. Spray 15x10x1-inch pan with cooking spray. Break cookie dough into pieces; press evenly in bottom and up sides of pan.

Bake 18 to 22 minutes or until golden brown. Cool completely, at least 1 hour.

When ready to serve, in medium bowl, beat lemon curd and whipped topping with spoon until blended. Spread over baked crust. Top with chopped berries and lemon zest. Store loosely covered in refrigerator.

Here is the link too!

https://www.pillsbury.com/recipes/strawberry-lemonade-sugar-cookie-sheet-pan-bars/d7498a2c-1303-42ee-a3fb-df7f95c5e1c1

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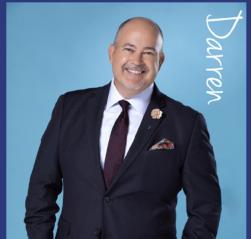






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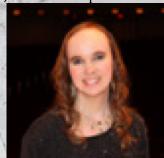
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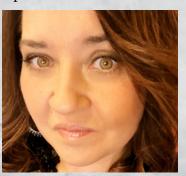
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