

Gospel Line Dance Ministry Devotional

Icebreaker Question

How did you spend New Year's Eve?

Gospel Song: Step in the Name by Bryan Popin

Lyrics

*See I've been through the fire a few times
Been up against the ropes a time or two
And even when I thought my life was over
I pushed on through the pain*

*Maybe you're going through the fire right now
Maybe you feel like life is over
You know I'm gonna tell it like it is
You gotta put a praise on it*

*Just let go
And praise my way through it*

*Step in the name
Just step in the name
In the name of Jesus*



Scripture References

"I will praise the Lord at all times. I will constantly speak his praises." Psalms 34:1

"Praise the Lord! Yes, give praise, O servants of the Lord. Praise the name of the Lord! Blessed be the name of the Lord now and forever. Everywhere—from east to west—praise the name of the Lord." Psalms 113:1-3



"I give you thanks, O Lord, with all my heart; I will sing your praises before the gods." Psalms 138:1

"Let all that I am praise the Lord; with my whole heart, I will praise his holy name. Let all that I am praise the Lord; may I never forget the good things he does for me. He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases. He redeems me from death and crowns me with love and tender mercies. He fills my life with good things. My youth is renewed like the eagle's!" Psalms 103:1-5

"But giving thanks is a sacrifice that truly honors me. If you keep to my path, I will reveal to you the salvation of God." Psalms 50:23



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“It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to the Most High. It is good to proclaim your unfailing love in the morning, your faithfulness in the evening, accompanied by a ten-stringed instrument, a harp, and the melody of a lyre.” Psalms 92:1-3

How We Praise

The last question from our previous discussion was, “How do you praise God (singing, scripture, prayer, dancing)?” We all praise God differently. Some may be more comfortable quietly praising God in prayer, while others find great joy in corporate praise and worship accompanied by music, dancing, and singing. As unique as our personalities are, so are our ways of worshipping our Lord.



God loves our sincere praises, we were created to praise Him. Sometimes we may compare the way we praise to the way others praise and we may think, “Is that how I should praise God?” There is no cookie cutter way to give praise. God designed us each uniquely, and we each praise Him in the way that He designed us.

Different types of worship and praise are found in the Bible...David danced before the Lord with all of his might (2 Samuel 6), King Solomon offered thousands of sacrifices to God (2 Chronicle 7), Mary sang her praises to the Lord (Luke 1), King Jehoshaphat appointed singers to walk ahead of the army, singing to the Lord and praising Him (2 Chronicles 20), after Jesus ascended to heaven, His disciples spent all of their time in the Temple praising God (Luke 24).

Likewise, congregations from different churches may praise God differently. Some churches jubilantly give God praise accompanied by a full band, tambourines, and praise dancing, while other churches may offer praise in a more low-key manner with traditional hymns sung from hymnals. There is no right or wrong way to praise our Heavenly Father, He wants genuine praise from our hearts, not insincere praise just from our lips (Isaiah 29:13). True praise connects us to God, and cannot be fabricated.

Whether dancing or singing, corporate or alone, God is pleased when we acknowledge and praise Him from our hearts for who He is.

Discussion Questions

1. How does God usually connect with you?
2. How do you usually connect with God?



3. What is your spiritual temperament? Please use the following link to discover your spiritual temperament - <https://www.cccgo.com/attachments/Sacred%20Pathways%20SDummary.pdf>