

Hope For The Heart - The Magic In The Music

Today's Text - 1 Samuel 16:14-23

He will call out to me, "You are my Father, my God, the Rock my Savior"
(Psalm 89:26)

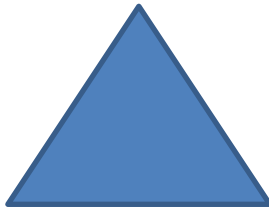
Introduction – A Personal Journey with Music & Worship

Observations of 1 Samuel 16:14-23:

- You can be _____ but not yet _____
- God is _____ to set up His Kingdom
- _____ is powerful and accompanies God's greatest works

Introduction to the Psalms:

- Real – written by real people in real places with real trouble
- Personal – give language for personal relationship with God
- Vulnerable – invite honest emotional expression



Learning from the Psalms:

- Worship is not restricted to certain people, times, places, or emotions
- Everyone, anywhere, anytime can worship the LORD

FOR FURTHER ACTION AND REFLECTION:

- Plan to join us for worship for seven Wednesday nights starting 10/9
- Meditate on your “personal Psalm”
- Read 3 Psalms each day between now and Thanksgiving
- Read *New Every Morning* compiled by Phil Barfoot (with contributions by Jonathan Ford)
- Read *The Songs of Jesus* by Tim Keller
- Watch “Overview: Psalms” by the Bible Project - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j9phNEaPrv8>
- Listen to “Psalms” (volumes 1 and 2) by Shane & Shane

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

1. What stood out to you most from the message?
2. What has been your personal journey with music? In what ways has music contributed to your life and/or spiritual journey – positively and/or negatively?
3. What are some of your favorite songs and why? Do you have an actual all-time favorite? Who are some of your favorite singers/groups and why?
4. Have you ever been “anointed but not yet appointed”? What was God preparing in you and around you as you waited for that appointment? Or are you in that season now?
5. What do you sense God building into your life in this season that may contribute to the building of His Kingdom in a future season?
6. In your own words, summarize what we learned about Psalms from the message.
7. What has your experience been in the Psalms in the past? Do you have a favorite Psalm?
8. How might you better utilize Psalms as a resource for your spiritual life and journey?
9. Share your “personal Psalm” if you have one – what stands out to you initially in the Psalm?
10. Spend some time praying for the season of worship we will have on Wednesday nights beginning October 9th.