



COMMUNITY OF FAITH

WHY WORSHIP? WEEK THREE TODD GENTEMAN

Psalm 40:1-5

For the director of music. Of David. A psalm.

1 I waited patiently for the Lord;
he turned to me and heard my cry.

2 He lifted me out of the slimy pit,
out of the mud and mire;
he set my feet on a rock
and gave me a firm place to stand.

3 He put a new song in my mouth,
a hymn of praise to our God.

Many will see and fear the Lord
and put their trust in him.

4 Blessed is the one
who trusts in the Lord,
who does not look to the proud,
to those who turn aside to false gods.

5 Many, Lord my God,
are the wonders you have done,
the things you planned for us.

None can compare with you;
were I to speak and tell of your deeds,
they would be too many to declare.

1. Worship Remembers What God Has Done

My testimony tells others that God is faithful.

Psalm 40:3

3 He put a new song in my mouth,
a hymn of praise to our God.

***Many will see and fear the Lord
and put their trust in him.***

Colossians 3:16

¹⁶ Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you ***teach and admonish one another*** with all wisdom ***through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit***, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.

My worship to God can strengthen somebody else's faith in God.

Sometimes God uses the song of someone who has already come through the pit to give faith to someone who is still waiting in theirs.

Psalms 40:6–10 (NIV)

6 Sacrifice and offering you did not desire—
but my ears you have opened[a]—
burnt offerings and sin offerings[b] you did not require.

7 Then I said, “Here I am, I have come—
it is written about me in the scroll.[c]

8 I desire to do your will, my God;
your law is within my heart.”

9 I proclaim your saving acts in the great assembly;
I do not seal my lips, Lord,
as you know.

10 I do not hide your righteousness in my heart;
I speak of your faithfulness and your saving help.
I do not conceal your love and your faithfulness
from the great assembly.

2. Worship Responds With Our Whole Lives

My obedience tells others that God is worthy.

Psalms 40:8 (NIV)

8 *I desire to do your will, my God;*
your law is within my heart.”

Hebrews 10:5–7 (NIV)

5 Therefore, when Christ came into the world, he said:
“Sacrifice and offering you did not desire,

but a body you prepared for me;
6 with burnt offerings and sin offerings
you were not pleased.

7 Then I said, ‘Here I am—it is written about me in the scroll—
I have come to do your will, my God.’

Hebrews 10:10 (NIV)

10 And by that will, we have been made holy ***through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.***

David wanted to do God's will.

Jesus perfectly did God's will.

David brought sacrifices.

Jesus became the sacrifice.

Psalm 40:11–17 (NIV)

11 Do not withhold your mercy from me, Lord;
may your love and faithfulness always protect me.

12 For troubles without number surround me;
my sins have overtaken me, and I cannot see.

They are more than the hairs of my head,
and my heart fails within me.

13 Be pleased to save me, Lord;
come quickly, Lord, to help me.

14 May all who want to take my life
be put to shame and confusion;
may all who desire my ruin
be turned back in disgrace.

15 May those who say to me, “Aha! Aha!”
be appalled at their own shame.

16 But may all who seek you
rejoice and be glad in you;
may those who long for your saving help always say,
“The Lord is great!”

17 But as for me, I am poor and needy;
may the Lord think of me.

You are my help and my deliverer;
you are my God, do not delay.

3. Worship Trusts God Before the Answer Comes

My trust tells others that God is still good.

Psalm 40:16 (NIV)

16 But may all who seek you
rejoice and be glad in you;
may those who long for your saving help always say,
“The Lord is great!”

Psalm 40:17 (NIV)

17 But as for me, I am poor and needy;

may the Lord think of me.

You are my help and my deliverer;

you are my God, do not delay.

Anybody can worship after the answer.

Faith worships while it waits.

When people see our worship, they should see a God worth trusting.

The God who brought you through then is the God you can trust right now.