



THE MESSENGER

AUGUST 21, 2022

NEWS AND NOTES

Congregational Meeting
September 11

Weekly Bible Studies
Tuesday at 1 on Zoom
Friday at 1 on Zoom
Saturday, 10, Panera
(Georgetown)

Times of Service
Sunday

Bible study: 9:45 AM
Worship: 10:45 AM; 6 PM

Wednesday
Bible study: 7:30 PM
(Immediately followed by a
short worship service)

First Friday of Month
Singing
September 2, 7:30

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“HEALING IN ITS WINGS”

Sometimes I’m a little slow to warm up to new-to-me songs. I have a difficult time focusing on the words when I’m struggling with the tune. I’ve got to sing a song many times before I get comfortable with it. I’ve finally gotten there with the song, “Healing in its Wings.” We sang it a couple of weeks ago and, for the first time, I was able to focus all my attention on the words.

The entire song is about God’s graciousness in being willing to forgive sin as well as a recommitment to a holy life. Verse 3 jumped off the page when we sang it last.

Part one: ***“My broken contrite heart is so worthless in my sight.”*** Who among us, having committed the same sin for the thousandth time, hasn’t felt *exactly* this way? Worthless, unworthy, disqualified, unloveable, and a hundred other words that make it so painful to look in the mirror after yet another failure.

Part two: ***“But you restore it, give it peace and joy to love and follow You.”*** Praise God that “my sight”, finally, isn’t the one that matters most! My broken and contrite heart seems so insignificant when I sin and yet it is *exactly* the sacrifice God seeks. (Psalm 51:16-17) There is a reason for this. Though it may not seem sufficient to us in the moment, our brokenness and contrition shows God that He matters most to us. It shows that we do not desire to dwell in sin but long to be cleansed from it. It shows God that our relationship with Him means more to us than the passing pleasures of sin. He is only too glad to restore the “joy of

Members Needing Our Prayers

The Spivey family, Bobbie Atkisson, Gary Brown, Joyce Bolton, Julie Patton, Rick Small, Benny Poynter, Richard and Janet Brundige, Rhonda Boyd, Cindy Bradbury, Paul Atkisson

Others Needing Prayer

Brian Mason, Ernestine Byers, Glen Perkins, Allison Walker, Dwight Antle, Randy Cates, Larry McTeer, Charlene Michael, Ann Little, Mary Jean Snyder, Mark Nickles, Adam Fusco Duane Harrod, Grace Meyer, Meredith Nicholson, Alice and Lonnie Anderson, Glen Perkins, Ethan Shelton, Terry Daniels, Leroy Weatherholt, Robert Brundige, John Blessing, William Roberts, Paul and Marrian Lyda, Dana and her children, Shane (a relative of Cindi), Ron Harmon

To Our Guests

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salvation.” Our response to this restoration is hinted at here in part two, but spelled out in more detail in part three.

Part three: *“O, may I ever strive to live pure in Your sight. Filled with your goodness, free to glorify and honor You.”* Purity and holiness are synonymous. Hebrews 12:10, 14 remind us of its importance. I really love the phrase, “free to glorify and honor You.” Free from the guilt of now forgiven sin. Free from worry over a fractured relationship with God because it has been restored. Free from fear about how to conduct my life because God has so clearly stated it in His word as well as promised help in the doing. We were made sepcifically to glorify and honor God. The freedom His blessed forgivness provides makes it all possible.

What a wonderful verse in a song with such an important message! Adam Litmer

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	Marcus Lake	
	Adam Litmer	
	Frank Patton	
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