

North Weekly Devotional

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Song: [You Are Good](#)

Prayer: *Lord, you are indeed good! You are the very definition of good! You have been so good to us. Lord, we worship you! Open your Word to our hearts today. Challenge us. Lead us.*

Text: Psalm 100:2

Explanation:

Psalm 100 is typically read near the time we celebrate Thanksgiving, and rightfully so. It is a psalm for giving thanks. However, I want to call your attention to the psalmist means of thanksgiving. The psalmist instructs the hearer to “Make a joyful noise (vs.1), which we would normally identify with singing praise to the Lord. Singing is certainly a way to give thanks. Then the psalmist instructs the reader to “serve the Lord (vs. 2),” and then he reverts back to the idea of singing. Notice that the idea of serving the Lord is surrounded by the idea of singing. They go together! It’s as if it is expected that those who sing joyful praise to the Lord also serve Him. Sometimes we come into worship and sing to the Lord, but we never give a second thought to the idea of actually serving Him.

The Bible calls us to serve our Lord. He is our Master. He has delivered us from Satan’s slavery, but transferred us to the Kingdom of His Beloved Son (Col. 1:13). We are never without a master! We are either in Satan’s dominion, or under Christ’s Lordship, but we always have a Master. Serve Him! This is why Jesus saved you! He saved you to serve Him and bring Him glory. And we do it joyfully!

It is our joy to serve the Lord. We are instructed not only to serve Him, but to serve Him with gladness! The psalmist is intentionally calling out the idea of serving the Lord with a begrudging spirit. It is a privilege and honor to serve God.

The Point: *Serve the Lord!*

Application: God saved you that you might serve Him. How are you doing that?

Pre-K & Elementary Age: What does it mean to serve someone? Practice serving other family members. Take water to dad while he is mowing the lawn. Set the table for dinner. Wash the dishes. If you have multiple children, consider having a “servant of the day,” in which one child gets to serve the family by doing the various tasks (setting the table, cleaning up after meals, taking out the trash, etc.).

Middle & High School Students: How can your students serve? How can they serve their neighbor in school? Think about ways that you might serve at church.

Adult: Are you serving anywhere in your local church? Consider rotating in the nursery or helping with a Sunday school class. Consider being a greeter or an usher. Consider volunteering with the media team. Maybe you could serve as a deacon if elected. Perhaps your ministry is praying for the church! This too is a huge act of service unto the Lord! Use your gift to serve the Lord. Talk to Pastor Jonathan if you need help finding a place to plug in and serve.

Empty Nesters: Your kids are out of the house now. You're retired. You are in a new position in life and now have new options for how you might serve the Lord. Is there something in the church that you have always wanted to do, but never had the time to do? Is there a mission trip or local community effort that you always wanted to participate in, but couldn't ever commit the time that it required! Now is the time! Serve the Lord!

Song: [*Is He Worthy?*](#)

Prayer: *Lord, you are good! You are worthy of our service. You are worthy of all of our lives! God use us! Use our family! Show us Lord, how we are to serve you more.*