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I always love love love to hear the testimonies of those who get baptized out of obedience to Jesus because they love Him. It truly is a celebration. Today's passage sounds a lot like a testimony from our baptism celebration yesterday. The gospel changes EVERYTHING! Amen!!!

Blessings, Jonna

Psalm 40:1-11

No matter who I am, how important I am to man, or what position I hold... I matter to the Lord, the Creator of this world... the one who intentionally made me for His glory. Here is Psalm 40:1-11 applied to my personal life.

Vs. 1-3 \sim O Lord, I can't even say I waited patiently for You. I put myself in the pit of destruction by my own selfish desires... and yet You still leaned in and heard my cry... the cry of a sinking, broken sinner who had no hope... and You reached into that pit and pulled me out. No amount of mire and mud could hold me captive from Your rescue.

You didn't just pull me out. You set my feet upon the rock of Jesus Christ. You made my steps secure so that I couldn't fall back into the pit.

How is it possible that You could pull me out of the pit OF DESTRUCTION? It's because You are more powerful than any pit. Your grace is more powerful than my sin. Praise Your name.

When You set my feet upon the Rock, Jesus Christ, You gave me a whole new purpose, a whole new song. My old song of SELF, the song of "I Did It My Way," no longer sounded beautiful or powerful to me. My new song became the song of Jesus Christ... His name lifted high... a song that never gets old. It's a song of praise that continues on because there's never a reason to stop praising You.

People will hear my genuine cry for You. They will hear my love for You. And I pray with all my

heart that I will decrease in their minds and You will increase. What value is it if people see much of me? None. My life is temporary, but You are eternal. I pray that people will see You in me and put their trust in You.

Vs. 4 ~ Whoever turns to You in trust is blessed. When any one of us makes You the center of our lives, we will be blessed. There is no blessing in turning to the proud. There is no good that comes in making it about SELF. True faith is a helpless, humble faith that has no room for arrogance. Pride is a lie. It offers all kinds of power but only delivers brokenness. O Lord, let my voice only sing Your praise... never my own.

Vs. $5 \sim I$ am shocked that You would do good in my life and think of me... and then do it again and again and again. You are a mathematician who doesn't just add goodness and love to my life... You multiply it.

Who can compare with You and Your good works and Your thoughts toward me? None! No one else knows every thought of mine, every need of mine. No one else loves like You love or has the power that You have.

Every opportunity I have, I will tell every blessing that You give. I will speak with a loyal heart. I know that I don't even know every single blessing You give. You bless even in the ways that I'll never see. You go behind the scenes of my life and work where I can't even see You work. That's what genuine love does. It loves even when no one is looking. But for those things I can see and do know... I will not be silent.

Vs. $6-8 \sim \text{You haven't delighted in me making sacrifices to appease You. That's not Your desire.}$ There is no sin offering I can give to cover my sin. So You made the sacrifice for me. You made the sin offering for me.

The one who did have the power and holiness to make the sacrifice came and gave Himself for me. You didn't expect me to speak. You expected me to listen. So I heard Jesus Himself speak and say, "Check it out. I have come. All the scriptures that pointed to a Messiah Savior point to Me. I DELIGHT to do what My Father sent Me to do. The word of the Lord is not just what comes from My mouth. It is what comes from My heart. I AM the Word. For the joy set before Me I endured the cross, disregarding the shame, so that I could lift more and more people out of the pit of destruction."

Vs. $9-11 \sim That's$ what I heard Jesus say. It was a song of deliverance. So that's the song I will sing... the song that cries out how my Savior delivered me from the domain of darkness and brought me to the Kingdom of His beloved Son, Jesus Christ... my Rock of safety. I don't know who will hear me or even take time to listen, but I won't stop singing... I won't stop sharing... I won't stop crying out my new song, my new purpose.

This will be my message... the message You know, my Lord... the message You have written on my heart... You are faithful. You are salvation for all who will confess Jesus Christ as Lord. I will

not conceal Your steadfast love and faithfulness from those who You put in my path. That means I need to speak Your name and not mine. O Lord, because of Your steadfast love and faithfulness, let my heart be faithful to love You openly.

I hear some people say their faith is private and personal. Lord, my faith is personal but let it never be private. This is what I want to make sure people know about You... Mercy. You have never and will never withhold Your mercy from me... and I NEED Your mercy. You guard me with Your love and faithfulness forever and ever. No love can compare with Yours. No faithfulness can compare with Yours. I am in awe that You have poured out such incredible blessing on me. How could I possibly stay silent about You?

You hear me.

You rescue me.

You give me a new song and a new purpose.

You exponentially bless me with Your good works for me.

Your thoughts for me are more than all the grains of sand.

You opened my ear to hear my Savior call me to Him.

You let His sacrifice be mine.

You delivered me from darkness.

Your steadfast love, faithfulness, and salvation are mine for all eternity.

So I unapologetically speak and sing for You... because You unapologetically called me to come to You. Praise Your name.