

# 21 January 2024 Pastor Mark Warren A Worthy Cause I Peter 3:8-17

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# A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing; our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing. For still our ancient foe does seek to work us woe; his craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing, were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing. You ask who that may be?

Christ Jesus, it is he; Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same; and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us, we will not fear, for God has willed his truth to triumph through us. The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him; his rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure; one little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly powers no thanks to them abideth; the Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth. Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; the body they may kill:

God's truth abideth still; his kingdom is forever!

## I Love To Tell The Story

of unseen things above, of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story because I know it's true; it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.
I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

'Tis pleasant to repeat
What seems each time I tell it
More wonderfully sweet
I love to tell the story
For some have never heard
The message of salvation
From God's own holy Word
I love to tell the story;
'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story
of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.

And when in scenes of glory I sing the new, new song, 'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.

I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

#### PSALM 34 (ESV)

- I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
- <sup>2</sup> My soul makes its boast in the LORD; LET the humble hear and be glad.
- <sup>3</sup>Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!
- <sup>4</sup>I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.
- <sup>5</sup> Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed.
- <sup>6</sup> This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him and saved him out of all his troubles.
- <sup>7</sup>The angel of the LORD encamps
- around those who fear him and delivers them.
- <sup>8</sup>Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!
- <sup>9</sup>Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints, for those who fear him have no lack!
- <sup>10</sup> The young lions suffer want and hunger; those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.
- <sup>11</sup> Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.
- <sup>12</sup> What man is there who desires life
- and loves many days, that he may see good?
- <sup>13</sup> Keep your tongue from evil
- and your lips from speaking deceit.
- <sup>14</sup> Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.
- <sup>15</sup> The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry.
- <sup>16</sup> The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to cut off the memory of them from the earth.
- <sup>17</sup> When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears and delivers them out of all their troubles.
- <sup>18</sup> The LORD is near to the

brokenhearted

and saves the crushed in spirit.

- <sup>19</sup> Many are the afflictions of the righteous, the LORD delivers him out of them all.
- <sup>20</sup> He keeps all his bones; not one of them is broken.
- <sup>21</sup> Affliction will slay the wicked,

and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.

- <sup>22</sup> The LORD redeems the life of his servants;
- none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

### **Blessed Be Your Name**

Blessed be Your name

In the land that is plentiful

Where Your streams of abundance flow

Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name

When I'm found in the desert place

Though I walk through the wilderness

Blessed be Your name

Every blessing You pour out I'll

Turn back to praise

When the darkness closes in Lord

Still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord

Blessed be Your name

Blessed be the name of the Lord

Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name

When the sun's shining down on me

When the world's all as it should be

Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name

On the road marked with suffering

Though there's pain in the offering

**Blessed be Your name** 

Every blessing You pour out I'll

Turn back to praise

When the darkness closes in Lord

Still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord

Blessed be Your name

Blessed be the name of the Lord

Blessed be Your glorious name

You give and take away

You give and take away

My heart will choose to say

Lord blessed be Your name

You give and take away

You give and take away

My heart will choose to say

Lord blessed be Your name

Blessed be the name of the Lord

Blessed be Your name

Blessed be the name of the Lord

Blessed be Your glorious name

### You Never Let Go

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present[b] help in trouble." Psalm 46:1 ESV

Even though I walk
Through the valley
Of the shadow of death
Your perfect love is casting out fear
And even when I'm caught
In the middle
Of the storms of this life
I won't turn back I know You are near

And I will fear no evil For my God is with me And if my God is with me Whom then shall I fear? Whom then shall I fear?

Oh no You never let go
Through the calm and through the storm
Oh no, You never let go
In every high and every low
Oh no, You never let go
Lord You never let go of me

And I can see a light that is coming
For the heart that holds on
A glorious light beyond all compare
And there will be an end
To these troubles
But until that day comes
We'll live to know You here on the earth

I will fear no evil For my God is with me And if my God is with me Whom then shall I fear? Whom then shall I fear? Oh no You never let go
Through the calm and through the storm
Oh no, You never let go
In every high and every low
Oh no, You never let go
Lord You never let go of me

Oh no You never let go
Through the calm and through the storm
Oh no, You never let go
In every high and every low
Oh no, You never let go
Lord You never let go of me

Yes I can see a light
That is coming for the heart that holds on
And there will be an end to these troubles
But until that day comes
Still I will praise You
Still I will praise You

Yes I can see a light
That is coming for the heart that holds on
And there will be an end to these troubles
But until that day comes
Still I will praise You
Still I will praise You

Oh no You never let go
Through the calm and through the storm
Oh no, You never let go
In every high and every low
Oh no, You never let go
Lord You never let go of me
Lord You never let go of me

## **Build My Life**

"For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ." 1 Cor 3:11 ESV

Worthy of every song
We could ever sing;
Worthy of all the praise
We could ever bring;
Worthy of every breath
We could ever breathe
We live for You

Jesus, the name above
Every other name;
Jesus, the only one
Who could ever save;
Worthy of every breath
We could ever breathe
We live for You
Oh, We live for You

Holy, there is no one like You There is none beside You Open up my eyes in wonder And show me, who You are And fill me, with Your heart And lead me, in Your love To those around me

Worthy of every song
We could ever sing;
Worthy of all the praise
We could ever bring;
Worthy of every breath
We could ever breathe
We live for You

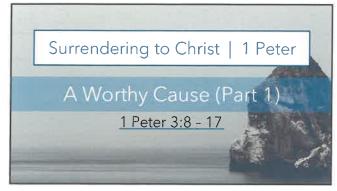
Jesus, the name above Every other name;
Jesus, the only one Who could ever save;
Worthy of every breath We could ever breathe We live for You
Oh, We live for You

Holy, there is no one like You There is none beside You Open up my eyes in wonder And show me, who You are And fill me, with Your heart And lead me, in Your love To those around me

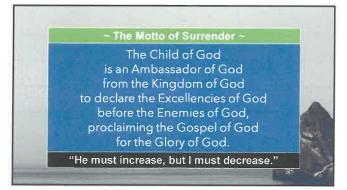
I will build my life upon Your love
It is a firm foundation
I will put my trust in You alone
And I will not be shaken
I will build my life upon Your love
It is a firm foundation
I will put my trust in You alone
And I will not be shaken

Holy, there is no one like You
There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder
And show me, who You are
And fill me, with Your heart
And lead me, in Your love
To those around me

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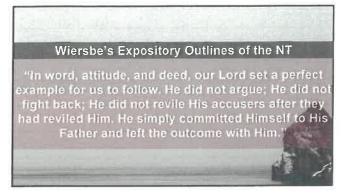


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"It is Christ's example that Peter calls us to follow in all the relationships of life. We need not be concerned about maintaining our rights. Jesus trusted his Father, the righteous Judge, to do that; and so should we."

"The Christian seeks opportunities to imitate Christ in willing subjection to service."

The Message of 1 Peter by Edmund Clowney



# A Perfect Example → A Worthy Cause Peter is emphasizing our interaction with unbelievers and how likely it is that our lifestyles will inform their transformation into the Faith. Our attitudes lead our activity in both public and private settings. [[ "Submit" & "Honor" ]]



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#### Submit & Honor

These two terms are the driving force behind all our activity as Christians. They're not gender-specific; rather, they're Christian-specific. All who name Jesus as their personal Lord and Savior are to be defined by these two ideals.

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Each member is responsible to cultivate and cherish love for each other...

Each member must be prudent and faithful testimony...

Each member is responsible to live a consistent Christian life...

Each member is encouraged to practice biblical stewardship in support of the ministries...

Duties of Members: Section 6, Article V

#### Article IV: Statement of Belief, Section 8 (p. 5)

"The local church is a congregation of born again baptized believers, associated by a covenant in the faith and fellowship of the gospel, observing the ordinances of Christ, governed by His authority, and exercising the gifts, rights, and privileges invested in them by His Word."

...solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

# Oh To See The Dawn (The Power Of The Cross)

"And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent." Colossians 1:18 ESV

Oh to see the dawn

Of the darkest day

Christ on the road to Calvary

Tried by sinful men

Torn and beaten then

Nailed to a cross of wood

This, the power, of the cross:

Christ became, sin for us;

Took the blame, bore the wrath

We stand forgiven at the cross

Oh, to see the pain

Written on Your face

Bearing the awesome weight of sin

**Every bitter thought** 

Every evil deed

**Crowning Your bloodstained brow** 

This, the power, of the cross:

Christ became sin for us;

Took the blame, bore the wrath

We stand forgiven at the cross

Now the daylight flees;

Now the ground beneath

Quakes as its Maker bows His head

**Curtain torn in two** 

Dead are raised to life;

Finished the vict'ry cry

This, the power, of the cross:

Christ became sin for us;

Took the blame, bore the wrath

We stand forgiven at the cross

Oh to see my name

Written in the wounds

For through Your suffering,

I am free

Death is crushed to death;

Life is mine to live

Won through Your selfless love

This, the power, of the cross:

Son of God - slain for us

What a love! What a cost!

We stand forgiven at the cross