

## **Walking the Path of Praise and Thanksgiving: A Song for All Seasons**

### Psalm 100

**Psalm 100:4a, 5a** – Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise...For the Lord is good and his loves endures forever.

### **Sermon Summary**

In culmination of this sermon series, this sermon will focus on the way music and song has assisted us along our own personal journey of praise and thanksgiving. Through feedback that the congregation offered a few weeks ago, we will take a look at some examples showing how certain songs have helped on those journeys. Each “Stop” will culminate in reflection upon our own worship practices, both private and corporate.

### **Four Stops Along our Journey**

#### **Stop #1 – The Beginning**

- **Key Word – Excitement**
- **Psalm 100:1-2**
- **Key Point** – When it comes to our own personal journeys as a Christ-follower, many begin with a deep sense of excitement and enthusiasm. Giving praise and thanks to God is easy, maybe even effortless.
- **Worship Application** - Are you filled with joy when you come to worship?

#### **Stop #2 – The Rest Stop**

- **Key Word – Weariness**
- **Matthew 11:28-29**
- **Key Point** – Our journeys are not always full of excitement. They often become routine; we often become tired. How do we respond at this point in our journey? Do we look too far into the future and the unknown? Or should we continue our focus on the present road and the One who continues to guide us?
- **Worship Application** – What songs speak to you when you are tired and worn? Do we appreciate the opportunity to drink from the well that never runs dry?

#### **Stop #3 – The Traffic Jam**

- **Key Word – Frustration**
- **Psalm 13**
- **Key Point** – Not all journeys are easy. Some are filled with heartache and pain. What happens when we feel “stuck” in our own faith-journey? Are we easily frustrated and give up?
- **Worship Application** – Are we hindering other people’s ability to worship when we are frustrated by our own personal desires for worship?

#### **Stop #4 – The Arrival**

- **Key Word – Relief**
- **Psalm 150**

- **Key Point** – All journeys have an end. No matter the difficulty of the journey, the end is usually met with relief. How will we be when we come to the end of our own journey – will we have the opportunity to meet face to face with our Savior?
- **Worship Application** – Our expression of worship should never just “arrive”, for it needs to continue as we leave our sanctuaries each Sunday.

### Question to Consider

1. Reflect upon your own personal worship practices. How can we focus more on God and less on ourselves?

### Memory Verse:

- **Psalm 150:6** - Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord!

### Challenge

Seek God as you desire to become a better worshipper, both personally and corporately. Begin a new worship journey – and enjoy the ride as God leads you along.



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