

YOU THOUGHT I WAS WORTH SAVING

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START RECORDING!

OPENING SCRIPTURE & PRAYER

1. Opening song You Thought I Was Worth Saving
2. Scripture and Prayer - Appointee
3. Learning Objectives and Focus Scripture
4. Prayer Deacon Dr. Price, Sr.

MATERIALS NEEDED

1. Area for Study and Contemplation
2. Bible, Notepad, Pencil

TONIGHT'S LEARNING OBJECTIVES

1. The learner will know that a closer examination of certain gospel song lyrics can help us study the scriptures
2. The learner will be able to identify scriptures that give gospel lyrics meaning
3. The learner will understand that when we vary the ways we study God's word, our hearts, minds, and spirits can be renewed

INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE

Good evening saints,

I was lying in my bed waiting for the Holy Spirit to lead me to a topic for this week's bible study, and the lyrics of this song came into my head. God uses a lot of different ways to teach us His Word, and the Holy Spirit led me to this study method. I don't know if anyone has used it the way God gave it to me, but because we generally remember song lyrics so easily, I believe that referencing the scriptures that bear witness to the song lyrics, God can strengthen us and teach us as we delve further into God's Word

FOCUS SCRIPTURE

Psalm 47:5-7 God has gone up with a shout, The Lord with the sound of a trumpet. 6 Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises! 7 For God is the King of all the earth; Sing praises with understanding.

STUDY TOPICS

1. You Thought I Was Worth Saving
2. You Thought I Was to Die For
3. So I Could Be Free

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1. You Thought I Was Worth Saving

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Some might think that because we celebrate Christmas so faithfully, that God's plan of salvation began with the birth of Jesus Christ, but

because we know that God is all-knowing, and there is nothing to be known that He doesn't know already, He knew that man would need saving when He created him, and I'm sure that He knew it when He spoke the world into existence. **Genesis 1:2** *The earth was without form, and void; and darkness [a]was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.* This is the same spirit that inspires me to study the word of God, the same spirit that excites me when we have an opportunity to study God's word together, and the same spirit that He placed in me found in **Genesis 2:7** *And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.* All of these things make us valuable and worthy of salvation to God, because He created us, He placed His Spirit in us, and even though He knew that we would commit sins that would separate us from Him, because He is holy and cannot be in the presence of sin, He provided a way for us to be saved from eternal separation from Him. **John 3:16** reads ***For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.*** God provided a way for us to reconcile our spirits back to His. Then after God thought that we were worthy of salvation, He also knew that the kingdom that He spoke of was not coming right away, that man would have to spend some time here on the earth He created, so while we were here, He wanted us to live holy. **Romans 12:1** reads ***I beseech[a] you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your [b]reasonable service.*** Before we can live holy lives though, we have to come to the realization that we are by nature unholy, and that we cannot clean ourselves up, we have to ask God to do it. Psalm 51 has several scriptures that can assist

us in asking God to do just that. ***Psalm 51:2 reads Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, And cleanse me from my sin. 51:7 reads Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Verses 51:10-11 read Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me. 11 Do not cast me away from Your presence, And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.*** I don't know about you, but I need the help of the Holy Spirit to accomplish God's will and to clean me up Reason being, the things that I naturally want to do are sometimes not godly, and if I am to live holy, I have to present my body and spirit to God, and allow Him to work through me and in me. When we spend time in the word of God saints, and we pray God's word back to Him, He acknowledges our efforts by cleaning us up, and imparting His righteousness to us, so that we may be that beacon light to others. Hallelujah, Praise God! For He is truly worthy!

2. You Thought I Was to Die For

In our first topic tonight, we looked at why God decided we were worth saving. Now we are going to look at how He accomplished His plan of salvation. In the Old Testament, we saw man's forgiveness of sins was accomplished through the shedding of the blood of animals, like the lambs that were slain while the Israelites were still in Egypt. In the book of ***Exodus 12:3*** it reads ***Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying: 'On the tenth of this month every man shall take for himself a lamb, according to the house of his father, a lamb for a household, verse 5 reads Your lamb shall be without[a] blemish, a male [b]of the first year. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats. and verses 12-13 read 12 'For I will pass through the land of Egypt on that night, and will strike all the firstborn in the land of***

Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the Lord. 13 Now the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you; and the plague shall not be on you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. So you see during this time, God accomplished the salvation of His people through the shedding of the bloods of lambs. In the New Testament, salvation is accomplished once and for all by the shedding of blood of the lamb of God. In the 4th chapter of the book of Acts, the final lamb is identified. ***Acts 4:12*** reads ***Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.*** So we see that the salvation of God is accomplished once and for all by the sacrifice of this man who Peter identifies in ***Acts 4:10 - 11*** ***let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole. 11 This is the 'stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.*** God has given us a choice, saints, His offer of salvation is ours to accept or reject, but because He loves us, He wants us to live forever with Him, and the only way we can do this is by accepting His son, Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. In the gospel of ***Matthew 27:28-37***, we can read how this happened: ***28 They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, 29 and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand. Then they knelt in front of him and mocked him. "Hail, king of the Jews!" they said. 30 They spit on him, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again. 31 After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify***

him. 32 As they were going out, they met a man from Cyrene, named Simon, and they forced him to carry the cross. 33 They came to a place called Golgotha (which means “the place of the skull”). 34 There they offered Jesus wine to drink, mixed with gall; but after tasting it, he refused to drink it. 35 When they had crucified him, they divided up his clothes by casting lots. 36 And sitting down, they kept watch over him there. 37 Above his head they placed the written charge against him: THIS IS JESUS, THE KING OF THE JEWS. In *John 10:17-18*, we see that they did not take the life of our Savior, but He willingly laid it down for us.

“Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. 18 No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father.” He sacrificed Himself so that we may live forever when we accept Him as our Lord and Savior.

3. So I Can Be Free

I am free because I am no longer bound by the sin that so easily besets me. In *Hebrews 12:1* it reads *Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us*, so once I lay aside the weights, I can be set free. Freedom is not an idea, it is an opportunity. With freedom we can know God. In *John 8:32* it reads *And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.*” What is the truth, saints? The truth is that once I accept Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior, His blood covers my sins, and I can receive life eternal at the end of this journey. That is the truth, point blank, period. In *2nd Corinthians 3:17* it reads *Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the*

Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. As I read for you earlier, God placed His spirit in me, and because of Him placing His spirit in me, I am free. As you have heard me say before saints, with freedom comes responsibility. My responsibility when I receive this freedom is to tell everyone I know how I got it. As the lyrics of the song say, So I can be free, so I can be whole, so I can tell everyone one I know. ***Isaiah 61:1-3*** spells out this responsibility ***“The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, Because the Lord has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to [a]heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound; 2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, And the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn, 3 To [b]console those who mourn in Zion, To give them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning, The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called trees of righteousness, The planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified.”*** God did not send His son to die for my freedom so I could keep it to myself. In ***Psalm 107:2*** it reads ***Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, Whom He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy,*** So when we receive salvation through our belief in the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we also have to confess it with our mouths, and more importantly, our lives and actions should reflect that we have been set free. Then we can go out and tell a dying world that Jesus saves, and I know He saves because He saved me. If there was ever a wretch undone, it was me. If you want to experience this freedom that the world didn't give me nor can the world take away, join me in giving your heart, body, and spirit to the Lord. Then you too can experience God as He truly is and actually exists, which is the freest feeling I have ever experienced.

