

EVERYBODY LOVES MUSIC!

PSALM 71.17

WHEN I OPEN UP IN SONG TO YOU, I LET OUT LUNGSLFUL OF PRAISE, MY RESCUED LIFE A SONG. ALL DAY LONG I'M CHANTING ABOUT YOU AND YOUR RIGHTEOUS WAYS, WHILE THOSE WHO TRIED TO DO ME IN SLINK OFF LOOKING ASHAMED.

I have a confession to make. I love music! Whew, okay I said it. And to be more specific, all kinds of music. If it sounds good in my ear canal and the brain receives it as art while the heart beats to it then you better believe it's going in a playlist. Growing up in the 90s, I was influenced early by the artisttry of Dave Matthews, Creed, N'Sync, Brittany Spears, Mariah Carey, and many more! And as I got older, I learned to love even more music, more genres that offered different sounds. All were good and all were fun to learn about.

One of my favorite eras of music is the 60s and 70s. A major reason for this is the stories that come out when I ask my dad about those songs. He tells me the stories of his upbringing and how those songs of his generation brought life! My father-in-law too shares stories of this music and offers a different perspective from being an event promoter and booking some of the biggest bands of that time to come to their concert venues.

I think that's the draw of everything we love, the community it brings with it. The stories that we share and learn about through other storytellers. Music has a way of bringing people together without needing prerequisite information. It doesn't matter who you are, music joins strangers together and brings life into our existence.

Do you ever just open your bible and look into the book of Psalms? Okay, just me? Great. Did you know that all of Psalms is songs and poems? Well, you do now!

The author of Psalms (sometimes called The Psalmist and other time being directly related to King David) says this:

God, you've done it all! Who is quite like you? You, who made me stare trouble in the face, Turn me around; Now let me look life in the face; I've been to the bottom; Bring me up, streaming with honors; turn to me, be tender to me, And I'll take you up the lute and thank you to the tune of your faithfulness, God.

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What I hear from this verse is God will meet us in the dark and our invitation is to meet God there also. Our tune to life is threaded with the Creator and just as instruments play together to make music, we too make life move with our presence to one another as God walks with us.

To me, that is music I hope we make together. Can we bring ourselves to that place, knowing full well that our friends and even strangers in ministry also come to make music with us. Let's make sounds to God together!