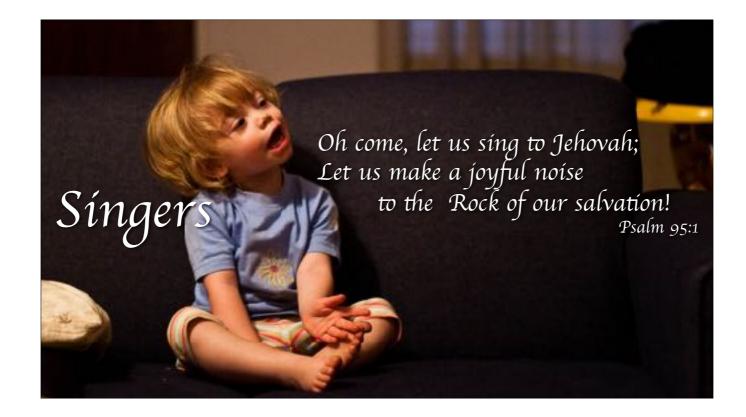




- Favorite Memory of Singing a Hymn
 - · Weeding with Lynn and Vicki in front yard while hoeing weeds.
 - Singing at sunset in White Sands
 - Grandpa Bud singing



- God created us to sing.
- Major book of the Bible is dedicated to songs.
- Songs are found throughout Scripture



Psalms 95:1-5 (ESV) 1 Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! 2 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! 3 For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. 4 In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. 5 The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.



- Matthew 26:30 (ESV) 30 And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.
- Acts 16:25 (ESV) 25 About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them,



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Singing Emphasizes our Unity

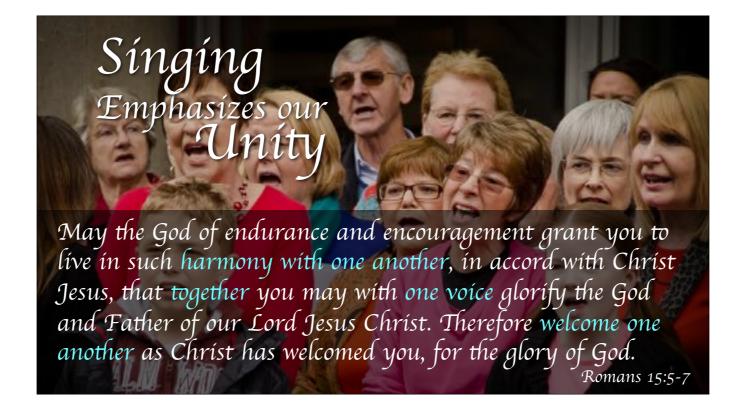
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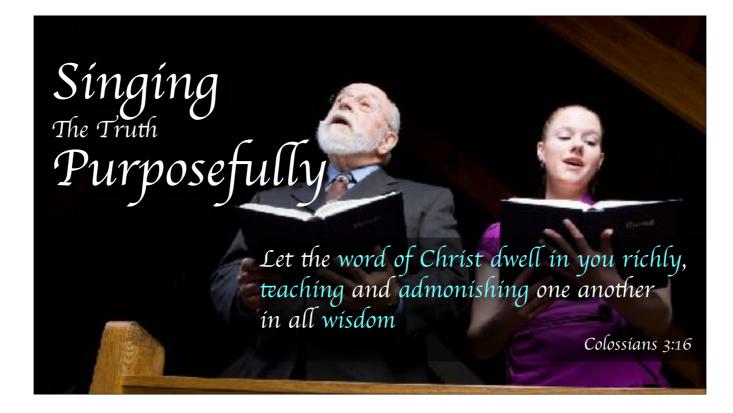


Colossians 3:16 (ESV) Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

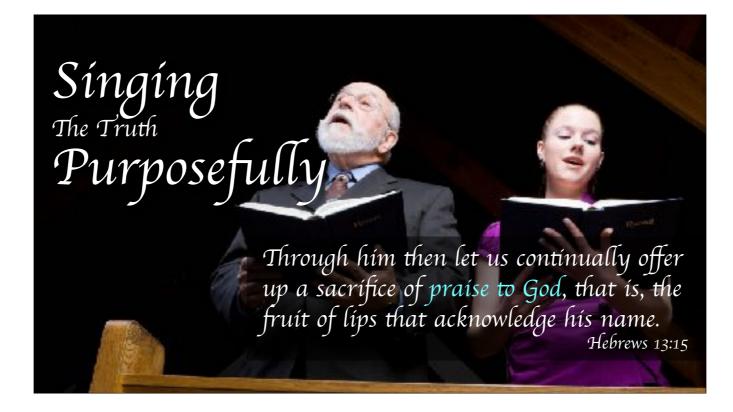


Romans 15:5-7 (ESV) 5 May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, 6 that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. 7 Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.





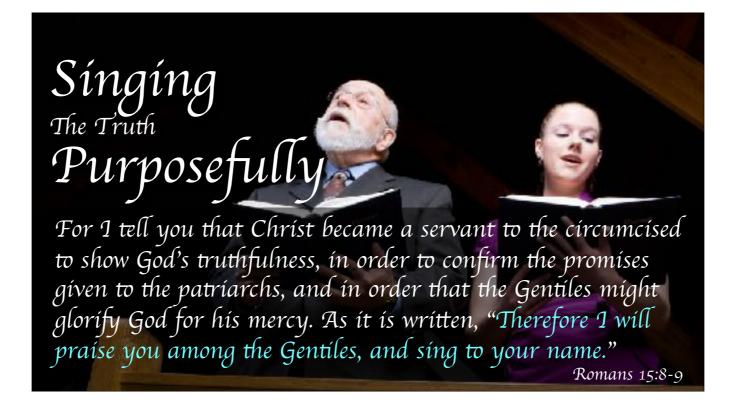
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- $\cdot\,$ Songs are powerful aids in remembering the truth.



Hebrews 13:15 (ESV) 15 Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.



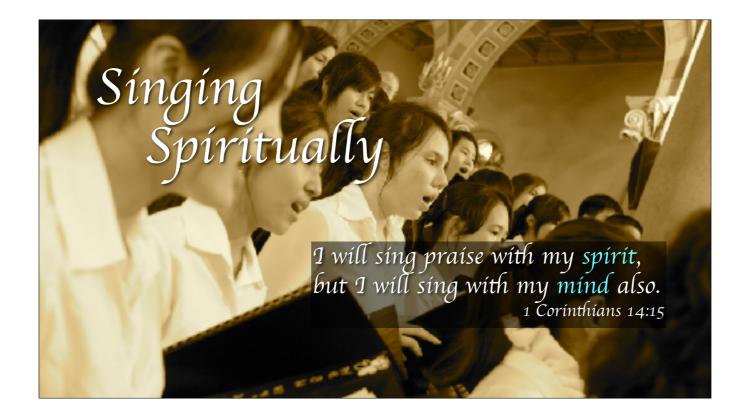
- Our singing is not about the performance, quality of voice, nor entertainment.
- $\cdot\,$ It's about communication to our God, with our brethren from our hearts
 - Truth, teaching, admonition
 - $\cdot\,$ growth and help and strength and courage



Romans 15:8-9 (ESV) 8 For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, 9 and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name."



Singing Spiritually



1 Corinthians 14:15 I will sing praise with my spirit, but I will sing with my mind also.

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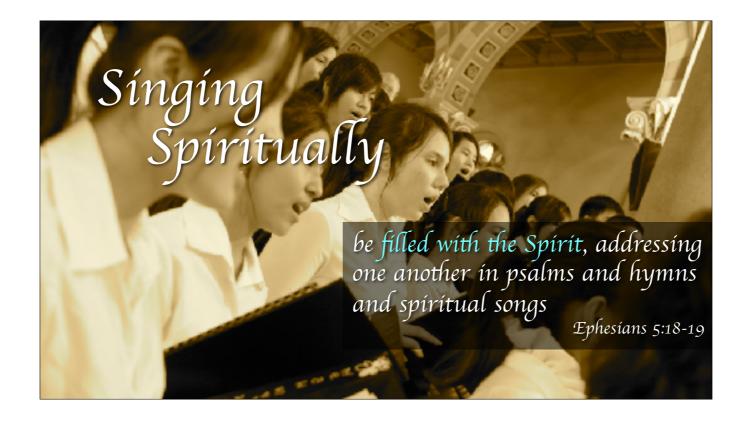
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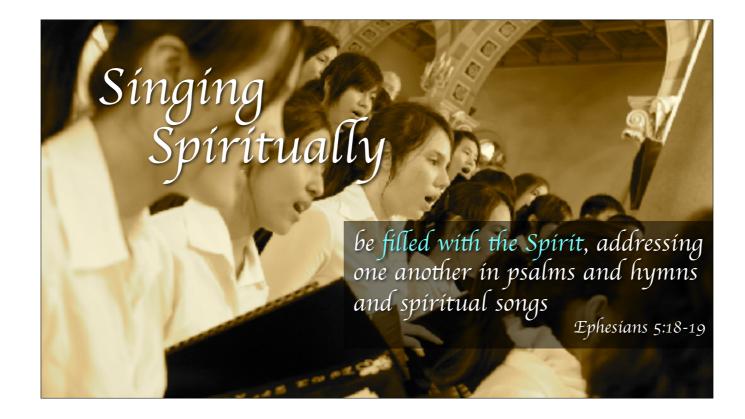
- But if you can speak, you can physically sing. The truth is that God designed you to sing and gave you everything you need to sing, as well as He wants you to. He's far less concerned with your tunefulness than your integrity. Christian singing begins with the heart, not on the lips (Eph. 5:19).
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- · James 5:13 (ESV) 13 Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise.
- 1/3 of Psalms are Laments
- Thankfulness: Col. 3:16



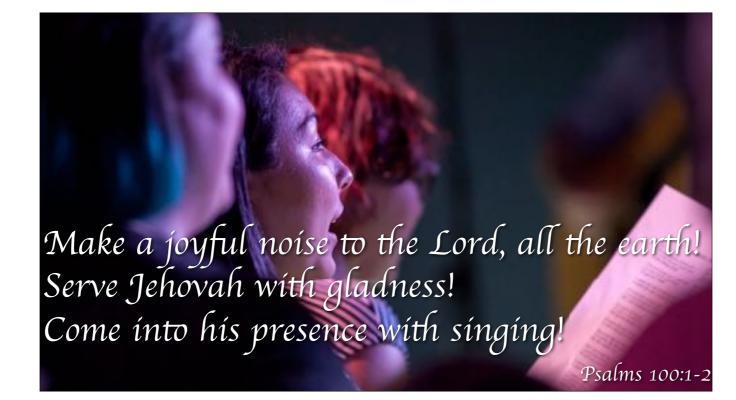
Ephesians 5:15-21 (ESV) 15 Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, 16 making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. 17 Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. 18 And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, 19 addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, 20 giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, 21 submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.



- · Routine, mouthing words, focused on notes, focused on others, distracted
- When I sing, is it obvious that I am filled with his Spirit?



Psalms 100:1-2 (ESV) 1 Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!



- We are not to sing just because we love to sing; nor avoid singing because we don't enjoy singing (for whatever reason).
- Sing because you love God who created you to sing, gave you reason to sing, and songs to sing.
- Don't sing primarily because you love singing, or keep quiet because you do not. Sing because you love who made you, and formed you, and enables you to sing
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We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

2 Corinthians 5:20

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