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January 23-24, 2021 The Pentecostals 2950 South Memorial Drive, Greenville, NC 757-3033

CHURCH SCHEDULE:

Sunday School

10:00 AM

Saturday Evening

Worship

7:00 PM

Pre-service Prayer

6:30 PM

Wednesday Night

Bible Study

Youth Class

Kids for Christ

7:00 P.M.

**“I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.”
(Psalm 34:1)**

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Building Fund—
\$13547
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Welcome to the Pentecostals of Greenville!

Restore unto me Praise

“I will extol thee, O Lord; for thou hast lifted me up, and hast not made my foes to rejoice over me. O Lord my God, I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me. O Lord, thou hast brought up my soul from the grave: thou hast kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit. Sing unto the Lord, O ye saints of his, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.” (Psalm 30:1-4)

Through this tough time in my life, the loss of my wife Grace and losing my top auditing account, my life was at it's lowest point, where praise and worship seemingly don't belong. And I can relate to some of my heroes in God's Word. Paul and Silas were arrested, beaten, chained, and cast into the inner prison. Job lost everything in a day. David was fleeing from Saul who was trying to kill him. And although these are extreme examples of life changing events, we will all experience things which will cause us to question God and try to destroy our worship of Him. So how did these men and I respond?

We continued to praise and worship God.

We continued to seek Him.

And honestly, there was a moment where I had a decision to make: give up or keep going. I chose to keep going, to keep praising and worshiping the Almighty God, to keep doing the work that God called me to do. So I asked myself, “How and why was I able to worship God after all I went through?” Here are some thoughts:

“Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment.” (Matthew 22:37-38) God is God. God is love. God loves me. I love Him with all that I am. Fall in love with Him again.

“By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to his name.” (Heb. 13:15) It's easy to praise God when everything is going great....just saying.

“I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.” (Psalm 121:1-2) Get your focus on Jesus, not on the problem. Don't let what's wrong with you keep you from worshipping what's right with God.

“Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.” (Isaiah 53:4-5) As long as we are on this old planet, we are going to deal with the troubles and pains of this world. BUT.... Jesus tells us “These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.” (John 16:33) Let this lift you up in times of sorrow and trouble. Let Jesus comfort you today. wm

