

# SERMON NOTES

December 14 & 15, 2024

**Spark Joy:** Fall on your Knees

## 1. Music:

a. Is an exceedingly deep part of \_\_\_\_\_.

**Acts 16:25 | Matthew 26:30**

b. Speaks when words alone \_\_\_\_\_.

**Luke 2:13-14**

## 2. Worship is:

a. The only \_\_\_\_\_ to the wonder and mystery of existence.

**Psalms 34:3**

b. \_\_\_\_\_ existence as it really is.

**Job 38:4a, 6b-7**

c. A reminder of the reality there is \_\_\_\_\_.

d. How I see how \_\_\_\_\_ and how \_\_\_\_\_.

**Matthew 2:10-11 | Hebrews 1:6**

e. An \_\_\_\_\_.

**Judges 13:20 | 2 Samuel 6:14 | Psalm 47:1 | Daniel 6:10**

**Acts 3:8 | Psalm 149:5**

3. When I \_\_\_\_\_ God, God \_\_\_\_\_.

**Luke 1:28, 46-49**

## 4. Worship Postures:

a. I will worship God with a \_\_\_\_\_.

b. I will worship God with a \_\_\_\_\_.

**Hebrews 13:15-16**

c. I will worship God with a \_\_\_\_\_.

**Revelation 7:9-10 | Revelation 21:6**

# Life Steps

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## Monday

**Matthew 12:30 | Luke 2:13-14 | Revelation 7:9-10**

**Reflect:** The angels and Jesus sang in all circumstances. In what settings or circumstances do you naturally feel like singing? Make a decision to sing and worship God all week long.

**Prayer:** Thank you, God, for the gift of the Christ child. I sing because my heart is full of joy for who you are and what you have done for me.

## Tuesday

**Matthew 2:10-11**

**Reflect:** What can we learn about worship from the response of The Magi when they saw the child, Jesus? In your view, what is the purpose of worship?

**Prayer:** If you are physically able, consider getting on your knees, be still, and know that God is God.

## Wednesday

**Acts 16:22-25**

**Reflect:** How and why were Paul and Silas able to worship God in the midst of jail and floggings?

Recall the most recent challenging circumstance in your life. What was your response? Did you worship God? If not, why? What were you focused on? If so, how did you worship?

**Prayer:** After considering all you have on your plate today, sing or journal the words of a song that most describes, your heart towards God today. Use your phone as needed.

## Thursday

**Acts 16:26-34**

**Reflect:** What was the impact of the joyful worship of Paul and Silas? Who might God be nudging you to invite to join you for one of our Family Christmas and or Christmas Eve services?

**Prayer:** Use my worship, Lord, to encourage and inspire others to consider who you are and what you have done.

## Friday

**Job 38:4-18**

**Reflect:** Job can't wrap his head around why his life was unraveling, even though he was faultless. God speaks to and questions Job. Consider a painful circumstance in your life that makes no sense. What might God be saying to you in this passage? What is your response?

*Remember, there is no Saturday Night or Sunday 8:00 AM Worship. Family Christmas Service, December 22, 9:30 & 11:00 AM.*

**Prayer:** God of all that exists and lives, you are the alpha and the omega, the beginning and the end, the great I AM, and the One who saves. I worship you and you only.

## Saturday

**2 Samuel 6:14b | Psalm 47:1 | Daniel 6:10b**

**Reflect:** Consider the postures for worship we discussed last weekend: a humble heart (on our knees), a willing spirit (with palms up), and eager hope (with arms raised). Which of these most closely describes your relationship with Jesus right now? If none of these, what other posture is more fitting for you? Why?  
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**Prayer:** God and Father of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, thank you for who you are and all you have done for me.

## Sunday

**Matthew 18:1-35**

**Reflect:** What might God be saying to you through passage, particularly through verses 3 and 4?

**Prayer:** Pray for God to bless and use our children this morning to help us celebrate, with reckless abandon, the arrival of God to planet earth in the form of a baby named Jesus. And if you need a little help letting your inner child come out, wear your PJ's to worship today!