



Sharing God's Abundance in Love!

CtK exists to connect all people to the life-giving message of Jesus, as we experience God, find freedom, discover purpose, and make a difference in our world.

Day 2—Monday, January 8, 2018

Prayer Focus—CtK Kids & Weekday Preschool

Abundant Gratitude

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Psalms 100: 1-5

On Sunday mornings I am privileged to lead worship in the MPR for the children's ministry at the 11:00 service. One thing I've noticed is that the children don't hold back from their worship. They love praising their Creator. They jump around, dance on stage, sing into the microphone; in other words, they give it their all. They *"Know that the Lord, he is God! It is He who made us, and we are his..."* Their joy is contagious, spreading throughout the room. It always makes me smile.

Imagine what our lives could be like if we praised God like that? What if we gave him our all every day of the week; not just on Sundays during worship? Think about it for a minute. Praise God like you know you are his; praise him with your whole heart. This will look differently in different people. Some praise God with their talents, others with their treasures, and some with their time. Some even give it all. But, the joy of praising him comes from the same source, and it should make people smile.

Do you know that you are *"his people, and the sheep of his pasture..."*? He cares for you and it is only fitting that we praise him with all we have, our time, our talents, and our treasure. How can you praise God with all you have this week? Is there a certain person in your life that needs to see the joy of the Lord in you? Think about some ways that you can show them the joy that comes from praising the Lord with your life, words and actions. I pray it makes them smile.

Dear Lord, thank you for the opportunity to come before you today. Please help us to always praise you with all we have, no matter the circumstance. Whether it be singing worship songs in the car, or giving a little extra in the offering, help us to always remember to praise you wholeheartedly. Please bless all of the Children's Ministries associated with our church. May they continue to teach the little children to come before you with joyful hearts. Amen.

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