

This Journey Home

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Our Longing for God

*As the deer pants for the water brooks,
So my soul pants for You, O God.
My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. (Psalm 42:1-2, NASB)*

My wife grew up on a farm in the upper peninsula of Michigan, number 10 out of 12 children. Her dad died when she was 11, and the family resettled together in the Cincinnati area. I came along, married her, and whisked her off to Kansas City in response to God's call. That physical disconnect from her large, close family has left her with a longing that nothing else has been able to fill.

Many of us share her feeling
 in one form or another.
We feel cut-off,
 incomplete,
 somehow alone,
 even with others.
We have deep desires that
 we can't even identify,
 much less fulfill.
Our hearts are not satisfied.
We are not home.

As a result, we embark on a life-long quest.
We seek for
 relationships,
 comfort,
 pleasure,
 money, and
 meaning.
In their place,
all of these are
 good gifts from a
 good God.

But He Himself is the
 Source and
 substance
of all that is good.
When we long
 for pleasure,
 for peace,

for joy,
for rightness,
for home,
we are longing for
Him.

Our deep longing is
our All-in-all God
drawing us to Himself.

Hymn recording: [Longing for Home](#)

Longing for Home

2 Corinthians 5:1-8; Hebrews 11:8-10, 13-16

♩ = 52

D D $\frac{D}{A}$ D $\frac{D}{C\#}$ $\frac{G}{B}$ A⁷ $\frac{A^7}{G}$ $\frac{D}{F\#}$ B^m A^{sus} $\frac{A^{sus}}{E}$ A

1. My Fa - ther, how I need You! This need be - comes a joy. This
 2. This love is now a long - ing Be - yond what words can say. The
 3. Your pres - ence is a prom - ise, And God, I know it's true: Some -

$\frac{D}{F\#}$ $\frac{A}{G}$ $\frac{A^{sus}}{G}$ B^m $\frac{D}{A}$ B^m GM⁷ G⁶ A^{7sus} A⁷ 1 D 2, 3 D

joy be - comes a bond of love No trou - ble can de - stroy.
 sweet - est gifts You give me here Just draw my heart a - way.
 day I'll nev - er think or live Or breathe a - part from You.

Refrain
 A D $\frac{D}{F\#}$ A G $\frac{G}{A}$ $\frac{G}{B}$ D $\frac{F\#m^7}{C\#}$ $\frac{A}{C\#}$

My Lord, my God, I'm loved but still a - lone. A

B^m $\frac{A}{G}$ $\frac{A^{sus}}{G}$ B^m $\frac{D}{F\#}$ B^m $\frac{Bm}{A}$ GM⁷ G⁶ A^{7sus} A⁷ D 1st time: D.C. 2nd time: Fine

stran - ger in this shad - ow world, I'm long - ing for my home.

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You Are My Home

*Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.
Before the mountains were born
Or You gave birth to the earth and the world,
Even from everlasting to everlasting You are God. (Psalm 90:1-2, NASB)*

Father, in some ways
this body I inhabit is
my home.

As amazing as it is,
this home is riddled with
weaknesses and
limitations
and is destined to die.

But as I look up into the clear night sky,
I realize that my home is not this
frail physical vessel.
Neither is it this tiny, ingrown world
in which my mind lives most of the time.

My home is not
this house,
this neighborhood, or
any of the physical surroundings in which I spend my days.

My home is all eternity.
My home is Your entire reality,
O Omnipotent Father!
My home is everywhere You are!

You are my home!
My home is Your heart.
My walls are Your power.
My roof is Your transcendent magnificence.
My future is the farthest reaches of Your
boundless life and
unfailing love.

O Lord, my God, my world will be filled with
knowing You
completely,
intimately, and

constantly.
That is where I want to live.
That is where I **will** live.

And that eternity has already begun.
The Sun of Righteousness
has dawned in me.
The light is growing, and
the darkness is receding.

I stand on the rim of this planet and
lift my hands and say,
 "I love You,
 Almighty Creator,
 Exalted Father,
 my Source and
 my Goal!
You are my home,
 now and
 forever!"

Hymn recording: [Lord, You Are My Home](#)

Lord, You Are My Home

Psalm 90

♩ = 84

Dm Dm Dm/A Am7 Dm Dm/C Bbm7 Bb/C C7 F E/E F6/E

I live with - in these walls Of self - ish - ness and fear. A

Dm Dm/A A7sus Dsus Dm Dm/F Gm Gm7 Bb Gm/Bb Asus A A7sus/E

dark - ness fills my ti - ny room, And all is anx - ious here. I

Dm Dm/A Am7 Dm Dm/C Bbadd9 Bb/C C7 F E/C E/A

step in - to the air And see the spread - ing sky. Those

Bb Gm6/Bb E/A Gm7 C7/G F E/A Bb Bb/D Gm9 Csus C

ti - ny walls are not my home. The world is o - pen wide.

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HOME
Irregular

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C F B \flat add9 B \flat C7 B \flat add9 D C7 E F F C F A

Lord, You are my home; I live with-in Your hands. My

B \flat F A B \flat D C7 E F B \flat B \flat add9 F C sus C

world is all e - ter - ni-ty, And You are in com - mand! Your

F B \flat add9 B \flat C7 B \flat add9 D C7 E F F C F A

heart is my home; My walls, Your sov - 'reign pow'r. I

B \flat F A B \flat D C7 E F B \flat F A C G F C sus G F A

see a - round and all a - bove The fur - thest reach - es of Your love. O

B \flat B \flat M7 C Am C Dm Dm C B \flat Gm9 B \flat C C7 B \flat C 1 F D.S. 2 F

Lord, You are my home! O Lord, You are my home! home!

Strangers Here

Father, I used to think that our feelings of being
“not home” in this world
were unique.

But then I started noticing in Your Word that
Your people have always lived as strangers here.

When sin first entered our world through Adam and Eve,
we immediately lost our garden home.

Noah lived in a world overrun with evil,
then had to start life all over again
by himself in this wide world,
with only his immediate family.

Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph lived their entire lives as
aliens in a foreign land.

Forty years in the wilderness, the exile in Babylon,
millennia of foreign domination –
God’s chosen people know well the deep longing for home.

God’s own Son left His eternal home to
live and die as a rejected outsider
in the world He created.

This is part of the legacy He has left to His followers:

*“They are not of the world,
even as I am not of the world.”* (John 1:16, NASB)

We are strangers here.
We are not home.

Hymn recording: [Psalm 39](#)

Psalm 39

♩ = 84

Unison $\text{A}^\flat/\text{B}^\flat$ E^\flat E^\flat/G A^\flat Gm Gm/D Gm

1. My life on earth is but a breath, So quick - ly
 2. O God, how small and brief I am! My strength is
 3. In You a - lone I hope and wait, O God my
 4. I share in You and all You are, God ev - er -

A^\flat Fm $\text{B}^\flat7$ Cm A^\flat E^\flat/G G Cm Gm $\text{A}^\flat\text{M}7$ $\text{A}^\flat6$

pass - ing, A mist, a sigh from birth to death,
 noth - ing, My plans, a dream, my pride, a sham -
 Fa - ther! I love, I trust, I cel - e - brate
 last - ing, Be - yond, a - bove, so high, so far -

$\text{E}^\flat/\text{B}^\flat$ E^\flat/G Fm/A^\flat $\text{Fm}^9/\text{A}^\flat$ $\text{Fm}7$ Fm/B^\flat $\text{A}^\flat/\text{E}^\flat$ E^\flat

So quick - ly pass - ing. All this is pass - ing.
 All these are noth - ing. All fi - n'ly noth - ing.
 You, ho - ly Fa - ther! Great, gra - cious Fa - ther!
 Life ev - er - last - ing! You ev - er - last - ing!

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Psalm 120

(NIV)

I call on the Lord in my distress,
and he answers me.
Save me, Lord,
from lying lips
and from deceitful tongues.

What will he do to you,
and what more besides,
you deceitful tongue?
He will punish you with a warrior's sharp arrows,
with burning coals of the broom bush.

Woe to me that I dwell in Meshek,
that I live among the tents of Kedar!
Too long have I lived
among those who hate peace.
I am for peace;
but when I speak, they are for war.

Reflection on Psalm 120

Holy, loving Father, You have called us out of
this evil place.

By Your mercy, we are now Your children,
loved,
forgiven,
cleansed, and
protected by You.

You have sealed as
Your very own.

Since You have called us out,
we are now pilgrims traveling through
this hostile land.

We are strangers in this
unfriendly, unpeaceful place,
Daily we are threatened,
tempted,
attacked, and
pursued by Your bitter enemy.

He does all he can to
deceive,
discourage, and
distract us from You.

Yet even here, even now,
You engulf us in Your presence.
You refresh us with Your joy.
You immerse us in Your peace, and
You arm us with Your truth.

Best of all, glorious God,
You are our destination.
You are bringing us
certainly and securely
to Yourself.

You have prepared a place for us, and
our arrival is imminent.

O Father, we are longing for You!

Hymn recording: [Psalm 120](#)

Psalm 120

Psalm 120; 1 Peter 1:1, 6-9; 2:11, 20-23; 4:14, 19

♩ = 100

Unison D^m B^b C $\frac{C}{G}$ C D^{m9} D^m $\frac{D^m}{C}$ B^bM⁷ $\frac{B^bm7}{F}$ $\frac{G^m}{B^b}$ G^{m7} $\frac{G^m7}{D}$ G^m

1. God of truth and mer - cy, save us, Hurt, ha - rassed, op -
 2. God of peace, en - gulf - ing pres-ence, Shep - herd through this

A^m A^{sus} A^m D^m $\frac{D^m}{A}$ D^m $\frac{D^m}{C}$ B^b $\frac{B^b}{A}$ G^{m7} C D^{m9} D^m $\frac{D^m}{C}$

pressed by lies, Tempt - ed, threat - ened, lured by e - vil
 hos - tile place, Great Re-deem - er gone be - fore us,

B^bM⁷ $\frac{B^bm7}{F}$ $\frac{G^m}{B^b}$ $\frac{F}{A}$ F $\frac{F}{A}$ B^b6 B^b B^b6 A^{sus} A F $\frac{F}{C}$ F A^m $\frac{A^m}{E}$ A^m

Dressed in pleas - ure's sweet dis-guise. See Your chil - dren,
 How we yearn to see Your face! Wea - ry, need - y,

B^b $\frac{B^b}{F}$ B^b D^m $\frac{D^m}{C}$ C[#]7 $\frac{A7}{C^{\#}}$ C[#] D^m $\frac{D^m}{C}$ $\frac{G^m}{B^b}$ B^b $\frac{G^m}{B^b}$ A^{sus} A D^m $\frac{D^m}{C}$ B^b $\frac{B^b}{A}$ G^{m7}

all Your own, Here where sin seems so strong. We are pil - grims
 near - ing home- Just a - head, now in view- We are pil - grims

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C Dm⁹ $\frac{Dm}{A}$ Dm Gm Gm⁹ Gm $\frac{Dm}{A}$ $\frac{Dm^{11}}{A}$ $\frac{Dm}{A}$ Am⁷ A⁷_{sus} Am⁷ Dm

on a jour - ney, Stran - gers where we don't be - long.
 on a jour - ney. O what joy, we come to You!

Genesis 12:1-3; 15:5-6
(NASB)

Now the Lord said to Abram,
“Go forth from your country,
And from your relatives
And from your father’s house,
To the land which I will show you;
And I will make you a great nation,
And I will bless you,
And make your name great;
And so you shall be a blessing;
And I will bless those who bless you,
And the one who curses you I will curse.
And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.”

[God] took [Abraham] outside and said, “Now look toward the heavens, and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” And He said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” Then he believed in the Lord; and He reckoned it to him as righteousness.

The Faith of Abraham

God's people have always
felt like and
lived like

strangers on a journey
through a foreign land.

We can learn so much through the examples of these
brothers and sisters who have
gone before us.

Consider Abraham. (Genesis 11:27 – 25:10)

He was heir to some of the most spectacular promises
ever made to a human being:

God promised to make him a great nation – in fact, a multitude of nations;
yet Abraham didn't have a single heir until age 100.

God promised to bless him and make his name great;
yet most of his life Abraham bore the curse of childlessness.

God promised Abraham's descendants the land of Canaan
yet Abraham lived his entire life as a wanderer,
never owning any land but a burial plot.

And his descendants would only inherit the land after
400 years of slavery.

Our essential connection with our
great, unseen God is
great faith,

and great faith seems to develop only through
great testing.

Abraham, the father of all who are saved by faith, was
one of history's most blessed persons and
one of the most severely tested.

The demands made by faith are not easy,
but they are amazingly simple:

God only asks us
to believe that He is
all He says He is,
all He has shown Himself to be, and
to live accordingly.

And He always only asks that we take
one single step of faith at a time.

As we do, faith grows,

step by step,
need by need,
day by day.

As we simply trust God, we are wrapped every moment in
His perfect will.

*Father, I want to live like
all the Old Testament saints and prophets,
with my eyes and my heart fixed on
You alone.*

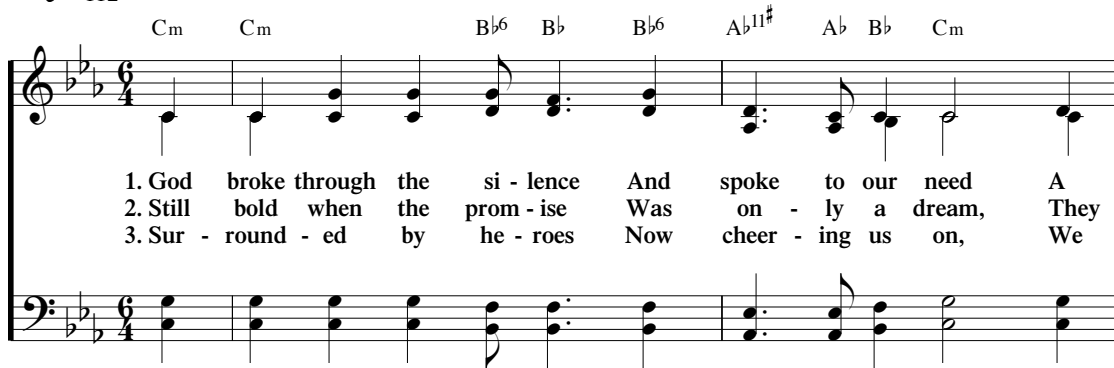
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By Faith

Hebrews 11:1-12:3

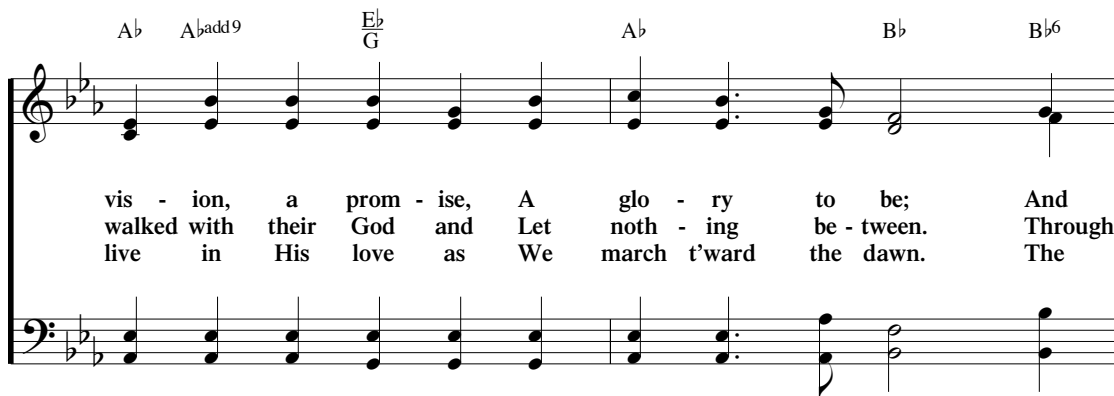
♩ = 112

Cm Cm B♭6 B♭ B♭6 A♭11# A♭ B♭ Cm



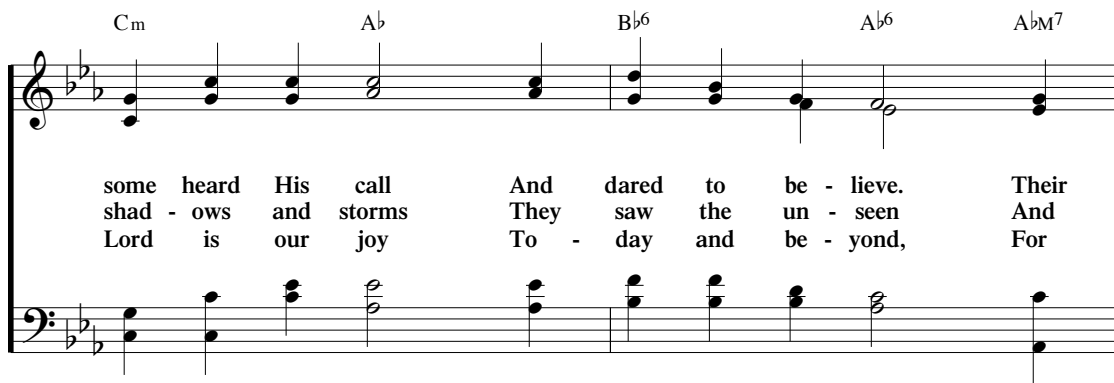
1. God broke through the si - lence And spoke to our need A
2. Still bold when the prom - ise Was on - ly a dream, They
3. Sur - round - ed by he - roes Now cheer - ing us on, We

A♭ A♭add9 E♭
G



vis - ion, a prom - ise, A glo - ry to be; And
walked with their God and Let noth - ing be - tween. Through
live in His love as We march t'ward the dawn. The

Cm A♭ B♭6 A♭6 A♭M7



some heard His call And dared to be - lieve. Their
shad - ows and storms They saw the un - seen And
Lord is our joy To - day and be - yond, For

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C_{sus} C_m C_m⁷/_{B_b} A_b A_bM⁷ B_b
1, 2
C_m
D.C.

cour - age now lights our way, Walk - ing by faith.
 looked to a bet - ter place, Dy - ing by faith.
 al - ways we see His face Walk - ing by

3
 C_m C_m/_{B_b} F_m/_{A_b} F_m⁷/_{A_b} C_{sus}⁷/_G F_m F_m⁹ A_b⁶ B_b *rall.* B_b/_D C

faith; For al - ways we see His face Walk - ing by faith.

Hebrews 11:1-31

(NASB)

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the men of old gained approval.

By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible.

By faith Abel offered to God a better sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained the testimony that he was righteous, God testifying about his gifts, and through faith, though he is dead, he still speaks.

By faith Enoch was taken up so that he would not see death; and he was not found because God took him up; for he obtained the witness that before his being taken up he was pleasing to God.

And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.

By faith Noah, being warned by God about things not yet seen, in reverence prepared an ark for the salvation of his household, by which he condemned the world, and became an heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.

By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed by going out to a place which he was to receive for an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he lived as an alien in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, fellow heirs of the same promise; for he was looking for the city which has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

By faith even Sarah herself received ability to conceive, even beyond the proper time of life, since she considered Him faithful who had promised. Therefore there was born even of one man, and him as good as dead at that, as many descendants as the stars of heaven in number, and innumerable as the sand which is by the seashore.

All these died in faith, without receiving the promises, but having seen them and having welcomed them from a distance, and having confessed that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. For those who say such things make it clear that they are seeking a country of their own. And indeed if they had been thinking of that country from which they went out, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; for He has prepared a city for them.

By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was offering up his only begotten son; it was he to whom it was said, "In Isaac your descendants shall be called." He considered that God is able to raise people even from the dead, from which he also received him back as a type.

By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau, even regarding things to come.

By faith Jacob, as he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and worshiped, leaning on the top of his staff.

By faith Joseph, when he was dying, made mention of the exodus of the sons of Israel, and gave orders concerning his bones.

By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the king's edict. By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to endure ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, considering the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt; for he was looking to the reward.

By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured, as seeing Him who is unseen. By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of the blood, so that he who destroyed the firstborn would not touch them. By faith they passed through the Red Sea as though they were passing through dry land; and the Egyptians, when they attempted it, were drowned.

By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days.

By faith Rahab the harlot did not perish along with those who were disobedient, after she had welcomed the spies in peace.

Hymn recording: [Lead Me On](#)

Lead Me On

Philippians 3:12-14

♩ = 100

Lead me on; I will fol - low. Lead me up - ward; I will go, Stand-ing

strong in the con - fi - dence That on - ly faith can know, Step by

step, ev - er trust - ing, With e - ter - ni - ty in view, Not in

fear but re - joic - ing, For I'm walk - ing, Lord, in You.

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UPWARD
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Reflection on the Book of Exodus

Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph –

each lived their lives as
strangers in a hostile land.

But none of them experienced

what the people of Israel did during
their years in the wilderness.

Question: Why would God send His people out
for forty years into a
a dry, barren land that
lacked provision for even the necessities of life?

Answer: He didn't send them out.
He led them out.
He went with them and
before them.

Why did He led them into such places?

He humbled you and let you be hungry, and fed you with manna which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that He might make you understand that man does not live by bread alone, but by everything that proceeds out of the mouth of the Lord (Deuteronomy 8:3, NASB).

God let them feel each need,
then waited for them to turn to Him before He
graciously,
miraculously,
abundantly
met each need.

So don't be surprised when He
allows you to feel your need,
then waits for you to
wait on Him and
trust Him.

He is not being
stubborn or
unfeeling.

He is giving you what you
need most
in all the world:

the firm, personal assurance,
based on repeated, first-hand experience, that

He Himself is

all you want and
all you need.

He is proving that

He can and will be your
Pillar of Cloud by day,
leading you certainly and consistently,
though you won't always understand His reasons or methods.

He can and will be your
Pillar of Fire by night,
providing light for all your darkest places.

He can and will be
Living Water springing up
during your driest times.

He can and will be
Living Bread,
daily bread,
nourishing not only your body,
but your entire being.

He can and will be
a movable tabernacle,
His tangible presence
going with you everywhere you go.

Your loving Father is teaching you to

know Him,
trust Him, and
treasure Him

through absolutely everything that life brings.

Hymn recording: [A Hymn for the Wilderness](#)

A Hymn for the Wilderness

TUNE: The Wabash Cannon Ball (alt.)
Exodus; Deuteronomy 8:1-10; Psalm 105:37-45

$\text{♩} = 60$ Unison

1. I can't see where I'm go - ing- Just wil - der - ness a - head.
 2. Your all - en - gulf - ing pres - ence Is shade thro' - out the day.
 3. Thro' ev - 'ry dai - ly chal - lenge, With la - bors still un - done,

This place is fierce and threat - ning- O God, where have You led?
 Your fire a - blaze a - bove me Lights all my dark - ened way.
 I fol - low in Your foot - steps And take them one by one.

But E - gypt is be - hind me With all You've bro't me through,
 Fresh wa - ter in my des - ert And bread each morn - ing new -
 Thro' - out our great ad - ven - ture I keep the Cloud in view,

And now You go be - fore me- I trust and fol - low You.
 O ten - der, faith - ful Shep - herd, I trust and fol - low You.
 As all the way to Ca - naan I trust and fol - low You.

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Triumphant through Suffering

Judges 4 – 8; 11 – 16

And what more shall I say? For time will fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, who by faith conquered kingdoms, performed acts of righteousness, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, from weakness were made strong, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight.

Women received back their dead by resurrection; and others were tortured, not accepting their release, so that they might obtain a better resurrection; and others experienced mocking and scourging, yes, also chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were put to death with the sword; they went about in sheepskins, in goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, ill-treated (men of whom the world was not worthy), wandering in deserts and mountains and caves and holes in the ground.

(Hebrews 11:32-38, NASB)

Hebrews 11:1-31 told us of the faith of Noah, Abraham, Moses, and others. They trusted God in spite of great difficulties. Because they did, they pleased God, and He gave them the honor of participating in His marvelous plan of salvation.

But the list is not complete—not by any means. There's not enough time to tell of all those who by faith were victorious over opposition and suffering. The judges, the godly kings from David on, the prophets—the list is too long to recount. Verses 33-35a give us an inspiring summary of just a few of their amazing feats.

Then in the middle of v.35, the writer turns a corner. He now begins a brief summary of some of the brutality to which these heroes were subjected. The suffering ranges from ill-treatment to a truly horrifying death. He says that at least one was *sawn in two*! Why are these sufferings detailed like this?

The writer is not mourning the misfortune of these heroes. He is celebrating their victories!

The sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us. (Romans 8:18, NASB)

All these sufferings, long past, are now battles won for which they are enjoying rich, eternal rewards. These hardships are proofs of their faith and testimonies to God's faithfulness.

Momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison. (2 Corinthians 4:17, NASB)

Don't feel sorry for them. And don't feel sorry for yourself when unjust suffering comes to you.

Do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you; but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing, so that at the revelation of His glory you may rejoice with exultation. (1 Peter 4:12-13, NASB)

Hymn recording: [The Blood-washed Pilgrim](#)

The Blood-washed Pilgrim

Matthew 11:28-30; Hebrews 12:1-3

♩ = 72

B \flat 13 E \flat E \flat B \flat 7 A \flat /
B \flat

1. I saw a blood-washed pil - grim, A sin - ner saved by
2. I saw him in the fur - nace. I saw him in the
3. He walked thro' grief and sick - ness, Thro' suff - 'ring and the
4. Just then I saw him sing - ing With branch - es in his

E \flat B \flat E \flat A \flat /
E \flat E \flat E \flat G

grace, Up - on the ho - ly high - way With
fire. I saw him face Go - li - ath. His
sword, Still pow - er - ful in Spir - it And
hands, "Sal - va - tion, praise, and glo - ry To

E \flat m A \flat A \flat /
B \flat E \flat B \flat 13 E \flat

peace - ful, shin - ing face. When e - vil would op -
faith would nev - er tire. When in the den of
might - y in the Word. When all the world was
God and to the Lamb!" God's peo - ple with - out

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BLOOD-WASHED PILGRIM
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Eb Bb7 Ab Bb Eb Bb
 press him To turn him from the right, He'd
 li - ons, He sang all thro' the night, "Praise
 fad - ing, The Lord was his de - light. He
 num - ber, All dressed in spot - less white, Had

Eb Ab Eb Eb Eb G Fm Ab Ab Bb Eb
 say, "The yoke is eas - y. The bur - den, it is light."
 God! The yoke is eas - y. The bur - den, it is light."
 said, "His yoke is eas - y. His bur - den, it is light."
 found the yoke so eas - y, The bur - den al - ways light.

Refrain
 Bb13 Eb Eb Bb7 Ab Bb Eb
 Then crowns of vic - to - ry, Shouts of glo - ry.

Eb Ab Eb Bb7 Ab Bb Bb7 1, 3, 5, 7 2, 4, 6, 8
 Eb Eb
 Crowns of vic - to - ry I shall wear. wear.

An Adventure in Christ

As you travel your long journey through
this sinful world,
what is your attitude toward what lies ahead?
Are you fearful about what might happen?
Remember that God is with you and
is leading You.
Everything that comes to you,
comes through Him.

Are you complacent?
Coasting?
Distracted from what is most important?
Realize that right now God is growing you toward Himself.
He is the eternal destiny toward which you are moving.
He is what is most important in life, now and forever.

Look at your life as an adventure in Him.
When we call something an “adventure,” we mean that it has
stresses, demands, dangers, and unknowns,
but it also has excitement and
discovery of wonderful new things.
In our stories, adventures always end well.
Think of your life as an adventure in Christ.

Make this paraphrase of Philippians 3:12-14 your prayer:
*“I have not yet obtained all God has for me.
I am certainly not perfect.
But I am pressing ahead to take hold of His full purpose for me.
Right now I forget what is behind me and
reach eagerly toward what is ahead.
I am determined to obtain all God has for me in Christ Jesus.”*

*Father, help me to lift my eyes
above today's ups and downs and
see You, my God,
my Eternal Confidence,
my Very Great Reward!*

Hymn recording: [Immanuel's Land](#)

Hymn recording: [Children of the Lord](#)

Immanuel's Land

♩ = 60

Dm Dm $\frac{D_{sus}}{E}$ F F⁶ Dm $\frac{D_{sus}^9}{Dm}$

1. With light and dark - ness shift - ing, In man - y a gust and
 2. Yes, Hate has oft - en claimed it. Des - truc - tion has scarred its
 3. With joy we trav - el on - ward Tho' val - leys are just a -

C Dm $\frac{D_{sus}}{E}$ F $\frac{Dm}{G}$

gale, We trav - el through this vast un - known. Our
 soul, But Love has come and bought it all. The
 head, For we are bound for high - er ground Where

$\frac{Dm}{A}$ $\frac{A^7_{sus}}{E}$ Dm $\frac{C_{add}^9}{E}$ Dm $\frac{F}{A}$ F $\frac{Am^7}{E}$

cour - age be - gins to fail. These wea - ry hearts grow
 Mak - er is in con - trol. Now life and peace are
 beau - ties un - seen are spread. This wil - der - ness a -

Dm $\frac{FM^7}{C}$ B \flat $\frac{F}{A}$ B \flat add9 C^{sus} C

thirst - y While trudg - ing the end - less sands, But
 bloom - ing As far as our faith - less can see, Yet
 round us Will blos - som as Love has planned, For

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VAN DIEMAN'S LAND
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D_m D_{sus} F D_m D_m A⁷_{sus} D_m B^b_{add}9 C_{add}9 D_m
 E

mer - cy drops re - fresh our way. We're cross - ing Im - man - uel's land.
 all are but His prom - is - es, The shad - ows of what will be.
 where He goes all heav - en grows, And this is Im - man - uel's land.

Children of the Lord

TUNE: McNamara's Band

1 John 3:1

♩. = 80

C F $\frac{E}{E}$ Dm⁷ $\frac{E}{C}$ B \flat M⁷ C C⁹_{sus} F $\frac{E}{C}$

1. Tell me, why should we be gloom - y, And now what have we to dread? His
2. Tho' our jour - ney may seem drear - y As we cross this bar - ren land, The

B \flat $\frac{B\flat}{D}$ $\frac{E}{C}$ Dm D_{sus} G⁹ $\frac{G^7}{D}$ C⁷ C

joys have filled our jour - ney, And His joys are all a - head. His
King is al - ways with us, And He's al - ways in com - mand. His

F $\frac{E}{E}$ Dm⁷ $\frac{E}{C}$ B \flat M⁷ C C⁹_{sus} F $\frac{E}{E\flat}$

hands are full of bless - ings, And His smile is our re - ward. We're
wis - dom goes be - fore us With His maj - es - ty a - bove. Be -

$\frac{B\flat}{D}$ $\frac{B\flat m}{D\flat}$ $\frac{E}{C}$ Dm D_{sus} G⁹ C⁷ F

rich be - yond all meas - ure- We are chil - dren of the Lord.
neath and all a - round us Is His ev - er - last - ing love.

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MUSIC: Shamus O'Connor; arr. by Ken Bible

McNAMARA'S BAND

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C C⁷ F $\frac{F}{C}$ F $\frac{F}{C}$

So we're bold to - day as we trust and pray, For no

F C⁷ $\frac{Bb}{C}$ F $\frac{F}{C}$ Gm⁷ $\frac{Gm^7}{D}$ $\frac{F}{C}$ Dm D^{sus}

mat - ter what may come, We live to lift all glo - ry To the

G⁹ $\frac{G^7}{D}$ C⁷ C F $\frac{F}{C}$

High and Ho - ly One. We're sing - ing and bring - ing our

F $\frac{F}{C}$ F C⁷ $\frac{Bb}{C}$ F $\frac{F}{Eb}$

prais - ing and rais - ing His love till all have heard. We

$\frac{Bb}{D}$ $\frac{Bbm}{D^b}$ $\frac{F}{C}$ Dm D^{sus} G⁹ C⁷ F

live to - day re - joic - ing- We are chil - dren of the Lord.

Psalm 84

(NASB)

How lovely are Your dwelling places,
O Lord of hosts!
My soul longed and even yearned for the courts of the Lord;
My heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.
The bird also has found a house,
And the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young,
Even Your altars, O Lord of hosts,
My King and my God.
How blessed are those who dwell in Your house!
They are ever praising You.

How blessed is the man whose strength is in You,
In whose heart are the highways to Zion!
Passing through the valley of Baca they make it a spring;
The early rain also covers it with blessings.
They go from strength to strength,
Every one of them appears before God in Zion.

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer;
Give ear, O God of Jacob!

Behold our shield, O God,
And look upon the face of Your anointed.
For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand outside.
I would rather stand at the threshold of the house of my God
Than dwell in the tents of wickedness.
For the Lord God is a sun and shield;
The Lord gives grace and glory;
No good thing does He withhold from those who walk uprightly.
O Lord of hosts,
How blessed is the man who trusts in You!

The Joy of Your Presence

O Father, how I love being in Your presence!
When I realize that I am with You,
all I am sings for joy,
 body,
 mind, and
 spirit.

You are infinitely above me
 in excellence,
 in power, and
 in holiness.
Yet when I am with You, I sense that
 this is where I belong.
I know a freedom,
 a rightness,
 a rest in You.

This life is not easy, Father.
The needs never end.
There is weariness,
 darkness, and
 deep sorrow.
But when I realize that all of life is a journey to You,
 everything changes!
Weariness turns to praise.
Darkness shines with Your unfailing goodness.
Sorrow is matched with an inexpressible joy.
Your presence lights my pathway every day.
But what is more,
 You Yourself are the heaven toward which I travel.

O Father, absorb my
 every thought and
 every desire.
You are my joy,
 now and forever!

Hymn recording: [Psalm 84](#)

Psalm 84

♩ = 84

$\frac{G}{A}$ $\frac{E_m}{A}$ D F#m F#sus F#m GM⁷ G A⁷ D $\frac{D}{A}$ G G⁶
 Unison

1. All my love and my long - ing, Ev - 'ry hope I pur - sue, All my
 2. Tho' I'm small here be - fore You, This is where I be - long. Ev - 'ry
 3. Thro' the miles and the sor - rows, I am nev - er a - lone, For Your
 4. You are Shep - herd and Sav - ior, Might-y Mak - er, my friend. You are

$\frac{D}{A}$ $\frac{A^7_{sus}}{G}$ $\frac{D}{F\#}$ Bm Bm⁷ G $\frac{D}{A}$ A⁷ D $\frac{D}{F\#}$

hun - g'ring and thirst - ing Now are reach - ing to You. O
 day is a won - der, Ev - 'ry breath is a song. O
 face is my heav - en, And Your heart is my home. O
 with and with - in me Yet for - ev - er tran - scend. O

G $\frac{D}{F\#}$ G $\frac{D}{F\#}$ Bm G Em⁷ D $\frac{D}{A}$ $\frac{F\#}{A\#}$ $\frac{F\#^7}{A\#}$

Fa - ther, my Fa - ther, You are feared, yet a - dored. How I
 Fa - ther, my Fa - ther, You are free - dom and rest. What a
 Fa - ther, my Fa - ther, You are walk - ing me through. What a
 Fa - ther, my Fa - ther, Ev - er good, ev - er true, I am

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LORD RANDAL 2
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B m G $\frac{D}{A}$ $\frac{D}{F\sharp}$ G $\frac{D}{A}$ A⁷ D $\frac{D}{A}$ D

wor - ship and praise You, My Cre - a - tor, my Lord!
 peace in Your pres - ence! I am rich! I am blessed!
 joy is this jour - ney, For I'm com - ing to You!
 full in Your full - ness, All suf - fi - cient in You.

Walk with Me

"Come, follow me." (Mark 1:17, NIV)

I get overwhelmed with the world's needs.
Billions are dying of physical and spiritual hunger.
Desperate problems surround me every day.

I ask God, "What should I do?"

He answers:

Walk with Me.

When I start over-organizing my life,

He says:

Walk with Me.

When I get too preoccupied with my work and ministry,

He whispers:

Walk with Me.

That was Jesus' first call to Peter.

Peter learned to live and serve by

being with Him,

listening to Him, and

obeying Him situation by situation.

And just before Jesus returned to His Father,
one of His final words to Peter was the same:

Follow Me.

Walk with me.

Nothing has changed.

Effective living and

effective service

still flow from walking with Him

step-by-step.

*Father, as I face decisions today,
I will not know the way to go.
Lead, and I will follow.*

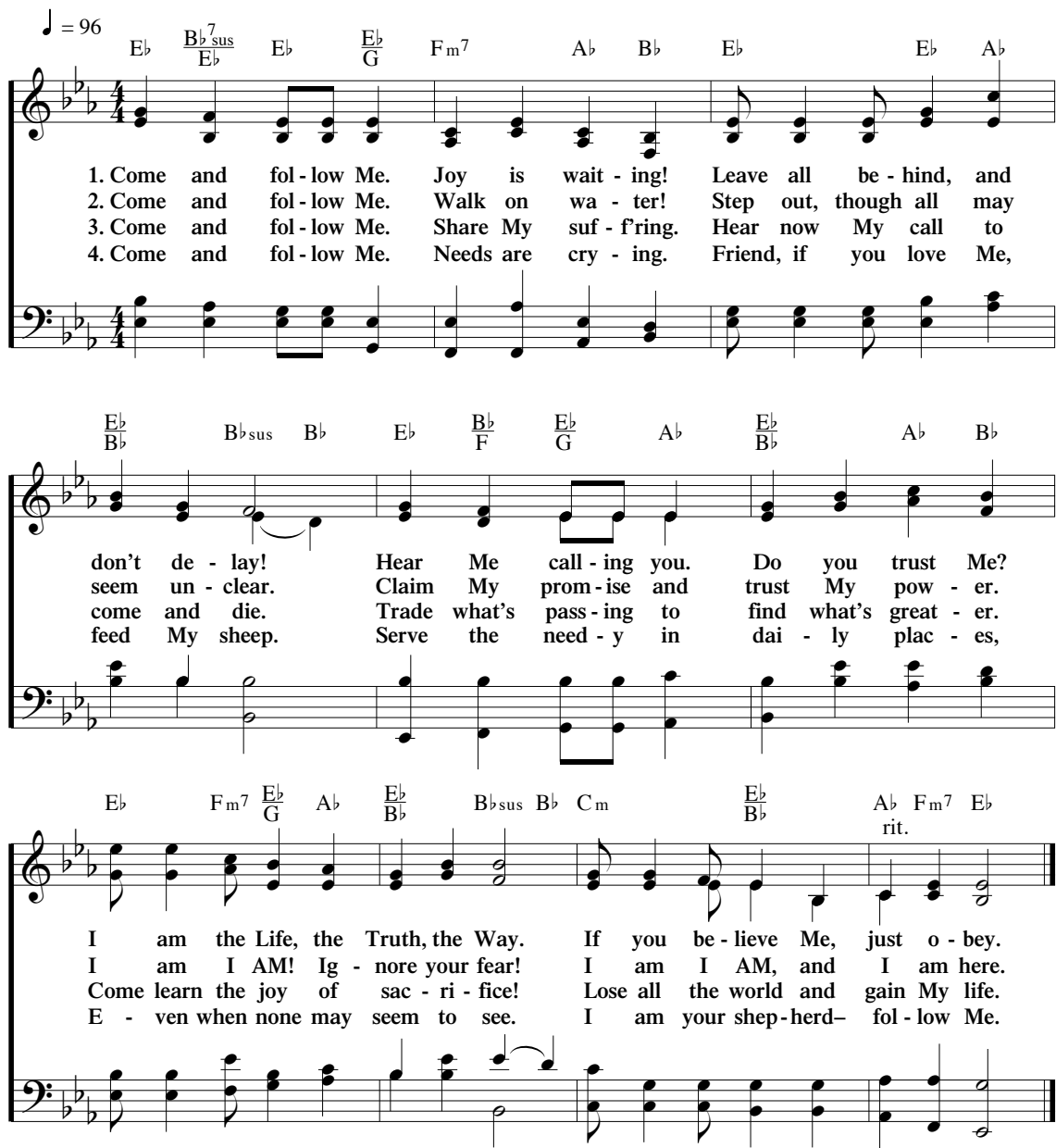
Hymn recording: [Come and Follow Me](#)

Come and Follow Me

Matthew 4:18-22; 14:22-33; 16:21-28; and parallel passages; John 21:15-23

♩ = 96

E♭ B♭⁷_{sus} E♭ E♭ G Fm⁷ A♭ B♭ E♭ E♭ A♭



1. Come and fol - low Me. Joy is wait - ing! Leave all be - hind, and
2. Come and fol - low Me. Walk on wa - ter! Step out, though all may
3. Come and fol - low Me. Share My suf - f'ring. Hear now My call to
4. Come and fol - low Me. Needs are cry - ing. Friend, if you love Me,

E♭ B♭ B♭_{sus} B♭ E♭ B♭ F E♭ G A♭ E♭ B♭ A♭ B♭

don't de - lay! Hear Me call - ing you. Do you trust Me?
seem un - clear. Claim My prom - ise and trust My pow - er.
come and die. Trade what's pass - ing to find what's great - er.
feed My sheep. Serve the need - y in dai - ly plac - es,

E♭ Fm⁷ E♭ G A♭ E♭ B♭ B♭_{sus} B♭ Cm E♭ B♭ A♭ Fm⁷ E♭ rit.

I am the Life, the Truth, the Way. If you be - lieve Me, just o - bey.
I am I AM! Ig - nore your fear! I am I AM, and I am here.
Come learn the joy of sac - ri - fice! Lose all the world and gain My life.
E - ven when none may seem to see. I am your shep - herd - fol - low Me.

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Follow Jesus

“If the world hates you, you know that it has hated Me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, because of this the world hates you.

“Remember the word that I said to you, ‘A slave is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you; if they kept My word, they will keep yours also. But all these things they will do to you for My name’s sake, because they do not know the One who sent Me. If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin.

He who hates Me hates My Father also. If I had not done among them the works which no one else did, they would not have sin; but now they have both seen and hated Me and My Father as well. But they have done this to fulfill the word that is written in their Law, ‘They hated Me without a cause.’” (John 15:18-25, NASB)

We hear no smooth-talking persuasion from Jesus.
He describes the path ahead of us clearly and plainly:

*“Whoever wants to be my disciple
must deny themselves and
take up their cross and
follow me.” (Mark 8:34, NIV)*

Who would want to follow Jesus
straight into His storm of suffering?

But look at Him.
See the person He is and the way He lives.
He has experienced all that we have,
and so much more.
Yet see His peace,
His patience,
His sufficiency in every situation.
See His deep, constant relationship with the Father.
See His love,
never fearful,
never strained.

I want to follow Him.
I want to finally lay down
this perpetual burden of petty self-concern.

I want to pick up my cross and
go with Him wherever He goes.
I am held captive by
the magnificence of
Jesus Christ.

Hymn recording: [Come See Our God](#)

Come See Our God

Matthew 28:18-20; Luke 23:34; Hebrews 2:9-18; 4:14-16

♩ = 76

C⁷ F E/A B^b F/C A/C[#] A⁷/C[#] D^m B^b

1. Come see our God with a warm and hu - man face. He is
2. Come see our God with com - pas - sion in His eyes. He for -
3. Come see our God with all pow - er in His hand. He is

E/A F B^bM⁷ B^bm⁷ C⁷

like us. He has walked our wear - y ways.
gives us As He bows His head and dies.
with us! Moun - tains move at His com - mand.

Refrain F C¹³ C⁷ F F C^m7 C^m9

So who will hear His Word, And who will trust His

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TEN THOUSAND MILES
Irregular

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F F B \flat 11 \sharp B \flat B \flat add9 B \flat F/A B \flat m B \flat m7
 love, And who will fol - low as He leads us day by

C7 F C7 Dm C13 C7 F
 day? We will hear. We will trust. We will fol - low.

Philippians 3:7-14

(NASB)

Whatever things were gain to me,
 those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ.
More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of
 the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord,
 for whom I have suffered the loss of all things,
 and count them but rubbish
so that I may gain Christ,
and may be found in Him,
 not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law,
 but that which is through faith in Christ,
 the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith,
that I may know Him and
 the power of His resurrection and
 the fellowship of His sufferings,
 being conformed to His death;
in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained it or
 have already become perfect,
but I press on so that I may lay hold of
 that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus.
Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet;
but one thing I do:
 forgetting what lies behind and
 reaching forward to what lies ahead,
I press on toward the goal for the prize of
 the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

NOTE:

To hear a recording of both the prayer and the hymn below,
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[UPWARD CALL Devotional Tapestry](#)

I Press Ahead toward Christ

Success and failure are just words,
spoken from our small-minded ignorance.
Money and respect are simply mediums of human exchange.
They can only give what other humans have to give,
creatures who share our own deep neediness.
Glory and gold are too shallow to provide
what we truly need and crave.
Physical comfort is an imposter,
pretending to be lasting peace.
In the end, death shows them all for what they are:
empty delusions.

Jesus Christ is the eternal, holy, glorious God
made fully human.
In Him, my Father, I can
know You and
love You and
become like You.
In Him all my goals,
all my expectations,
all life's possibilities are raised and reset.
In Him I am becoming more than I ever dreamed I could be.
Jesus Christ is my desire.
I trust HIM.
I press ahead toward HIM.

For in Him, Father,
I become one with You
completely and forever,
in all Your holiness and love.

Hymn recording: [The Upward Call](#)

The Upward Call

Philippians 3:7-14

♩ = 88

N.C. N.C. Am $\text{Cadd}^9 \text{G}$ $\text{C} \text{G}$ $\text{C} \text{CM}^7 \text{E} \text{E}$ F $\text{E} \text{E}$ Dm7 $\text{Cadd}^9 \text{E} \text{E}$ $\text{C} \text{G}$ N.C. $\text{G}^6 \text{B}$ Am7

1. My joy, my goal, my one de - sire, To know and
2. My heart has heard His up - ward call. All else I

Dm7 $\text{Dm}^7 \text{Am} \text{E} \text{E}$ F G sus $\text{G} \text{sus} \text{D}$ G G7 C $\text{C} \text{B}$ Am $\text{Cadd}^9 \text{G} \text{G}$ $\text{C} \text{CM}^7 \text{E} \text{E}$ F $\text{E} \text{E}$ Dm7

trust leave You more, be - hind. My Fa - ther God, my strength, my
One glimpse of all You are in

G Am7 $\text{G} \text{B}$ C $\text{C} \text{E}$ FM7 G $\text{G} \text{G} \text{sus} \text{D} \text{D}$ G7 C sus $\text{C} \text{sus} \text{G}$ C $\text{G} \text{B}$ Am $\text{Am} \text{G}$

hope, My life, my love, my Lord! I set a -
Christ, And life is re - de - fined. O Fa - ther

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HAZELGREEN

C.M.D.

Alt. Tunes: CLEANSING FOUNTAIN; CAROL

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F $\frac{F}{E}$ Dm7 Em F G sus G $\frac{G}{B}$ Am $\frac{Am}{G}$ F F Em Dm7

side God, all Your less - er things And glad glo - ly all dis -
God, Your name, Your will, Your glo - rious King - dom

G sus $\frac{G sus}{D}$ G7 G C CM7 Am $\frac{C add^9}{G}$ $\frac{C}{G}$ $\frac{C CM7}{E E}$ F $\frac{F}{E}$ Dm7

own come To share the joy of Je - sus with -
Till all a - round and all with -

G Am7 $\frac{G}{B}$ C $\frac{C}{E}$ FM7 G $\frac{G}{D}$ $\frac{G sus}{D}$ G7 C $\frac{C}{G}$ C

Christ For love of You a - lone.
in Love's per - fect work is done.

Longing

For me, heaven is not a mansion,
a harp, or
angels' wings.
It is not meeting old friends or
an endless family reunion.
That is not what my heart longs for.

My heart longs for You,
my Father,
my Creator.
My heart longs for my Savior,
my Brother,
my Wisdom and Holiness,
My heart longs for the Second Adam of all I will be.
My heart longs for the Breath of God,
the Wind of God,
the Life of God
blowing fully, freely, and unceasingly through all I am.

I long for
a heart,
a mind,
a world
permeated completely and forever
with God alone.

O Lord Jesus,
I long for You and
wait for You!

Hymn recording: [Longing for Jesus](#)

Longing for Jesus

TUNE: Deep River

Colossians 1:27; 2:9-10; 1 John 3:1-2

♩ = 72

C C+ F6 F $\frac{D^7}{F\#}$ $\frac{C}{G}$ F $\frac{C}{E}$ $\frac{Dm^7}{F}$ Em $\frac{G^{13}}{F}$ $\frac{Em}{G}$

Je - sus, my Je - sus, This hun - gry heart is long-ing,

C C+ $\frac{Dm}{F}$ $\frac{D^7}{F\#}$ $\frac{C}{G}$ Dm G¹³ $\frac{F}{C}$ C

Fine 2nd time

Je - sus, O Je - sus, To live in You for - ev - er.

G Am $\frac{E^7_{sus}}{A}$ Am Em Am $\frac{E^7_{sus}}{A}$ Am

Your beau - ty, Your joy, Your won - der, Your love, Your strength, Your

Em G¹³ G C C+ $\frac{C^+}{E}$ $\frac{Dm}{F}$ F $\frac{D^7}{F\#}$ $\frac{C}{G}$ G⁷ Am $\frac{Am}{G}$ FM⁷ G¹³

rit. D.C. al Fine

splen - dor, Your life un - bounded, All ho - ly and free!

WORDS: Ken Bible

MUSIC: African-American Spiritual, adapted and arr. by Ken Bible

DEEP RIVER

5.7.5.7.8.7.5.5.

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2 Corinthians 4:16-18; 5:1, 4-9

(NIV)

We do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

Now we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands.

While we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. Now it is God who has made us for this very purpose and has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. We live by faith, not by sight. We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So we make it our goal to please him.

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Going Home

TUNE: Goin' Home
2 Corinthians 5:1

B \flat B \flat F \flat sus B \flat E \flat 6 B \flat D F \flat C B \flat D E \flat 6 F

1. Go - ing home, go - ing home, I'm just go - ing home.
2. Morn - ing Star lights the way; Rest - less dream all done;

B \flat B \flat C D E \flat E \flat D C \flat E \flat M7 F E \flat F E \flat B \flat B \flat

Qui - et - like, slip a - way - I'll be go - ing home.
Sha - dows gone, break of day, Life has just be - gun.

E \flat F E \flat E \flat D C \flat 7 D \flat 7 E \flat M7 C \flat 6 E \flat

It's not far, just close by; Je - sus is the Door;
Ev - 'ry tear wiped a - way, Pain and sick - ness gone;

C \flat 7 D \flat 7 G \flat G \flat F E \flat C \flat 7 D \flat 7 E \flat add 9 E \flat F sus F

Work all done, laid a - side, Fear and grief no more.
Wide a - wake there with Him! Peace goes on and on!

WORDS: William Arms Fisher and Ken Bible
MUSIC: Antonin Dvorak; arr. by Ken Bible

GOIN' HOME
6.5.6.5.T.

B \flat D \flat m B \flat E \flat E \flat m \flat 6 E \flat m \flat 7 \sharp B \flat E \flat 6 F

A A \flat G G \flat G F

Friends are there, wait - ing now. He is wait - ing, too.
 Go - ing home, go - ing home, I'll be go - ing home.

B \flat B \flat G m C \flat m D C \flat m E \flat F 7 F 9 B \flat

A E \flat E \flat E \flat

See His smile! See His hand! He will lead me through.
 See the Light! See the Sun! I'm just go - ing home.