

Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 5:19(b)-20 (NIV)



What Life's Song Has God Created In You?

I love listening to Christian music and songs! You may even find me humming or even singing along with these songs! How about you? Do you find yourself maybe not knowing or recalling all the words to a favorite Christian song, but you definitely hum along with the music until you get to a part where you recognize the words, and then you sing enthusiastically along with the song?

The word "sing" appears in Scripture over 400 times, and at least 50 of those are commands that urge us to sing praises to God. Psalm 33:1-3 (NIV) says: "Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise Him. Praise the Lord with the harp; make music to Him on the ten-stringed lyre. Sing to Him a new song: play skillfully and shout with joy."

The great thing is that God doesn't mind how we sound! The more we sing with our hearts to the Lord, the more we're filled in our spirit with Christ! And the more we're filled, the more we overflow with Christ in singing, and oh, what a beautiful and uplifting cycle this is in each of us!

This July, I had the great joy of celebrating and honoring my sister, Gloria, on her 70th birthday! In preparing for her birthday, I wanted to gift Gloria something very special for her momentous day and to share with her a reminder of how much God loves her. I also wanted to show her how much I love her as my dear and precious sister.

Gloria has a deep relationship with God and a strong, evident faith walk with Christ. Gloria loves to sing praises to God, so I decided to have our dear friend, Heather Sorenson, compose a song for Gloria. This song was to be a surprise birthday gift!

Heather is a well-known composer and performer in the traditional and contemporary Christian music industries. Heather is recognized worldwide for her skill as a pianist as well as for her compositions in choral anthems, solo piano and orchestrations. If you ask Heather about her career, which is often performed on the big stage, she will tell you that she feels her greatest calling is using her music to connect people to God.

I shared with Heather that Gloria's favorite scripture verse is Zephaniah 3:17 (NIV):

"The Lord your God is with you, the mighty warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in His love He will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing."

If you have ever met and talked to Gloria, who has come with me to several CPFI annual conferences, you will have experienced her joy in Christ, and you will have walked away just smiling. Why? Gloria's love for Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior is that evident in her and that infectious in her faith walk and interaction with other people! She shares that joy with so many others who meet her. So, I asked Heather to compose a song that was joy-filled and celebratory!

The title of the Zephaniah 3:17-inspired song that Heather composed for Gloria is "He Will Sing".

The message in the words of the song is profound and powerful:

"The Lord thy God in the midst of thee is mighty.

He will save and sing over thee with joy.

He will sing over thee with rejoicing and gladness.

He will quiet thee with His love, and then sing over thee.

He will bind up every wound.

He will heal all thy diseases.

He will anoint thy head with oil.

He will anoint thee with His mercy and He will shower thee with grace through each testing of thy faith.

He will sing over thee with rejoicing and gladness, dispelling each sadness and with creation He will sing over thee!"

Heather shared that she used the KJV version of the scripture to match the classical feel of the music. Because Heather knows that Gloria is a trained soprano, she put a big solo in the middle of the song (with choir support) in honor of Gloria. Heather shared that even if Gloria did not sing the solo in a performance, she would know that the solo was in her honor, and that these were the words that Heather prayed over Gloria while she was writing this song.

As I listened to just the music and read the words to Gloria's song, "He Will Sing", I smiled as tears streamed down my face as I wept with joy at the beauty of the music and the profound message that Heather had created using Gloria's favorite scripture verse in Zephaniah 3:17.

What's your favorite Scripture verse that guides your faith walk with Christ? Not everyone gets to have a special song written especially for them by a well-known composer! Or do we? Each of us is a "living song" that God creates! He is the Holy Composer who is creating the song with each of our lives! I don't know about you, but sometimes I feel like I'm not sure what the words and music are to my life's song that God is creating in me, but I am sure that I must keep trusting Him to speak and create both the music and words into my life as I read His Word, pray for His continued touch and guidance in my life, and as I prayerfully obey Him.

So won't you join me as each of us hums along with the music that God creates into and through our lives until we understand the words He is creating for us to sing with our lives in front of others, who see and hear us, as we "sing our lives" to His honor and for His Glory!

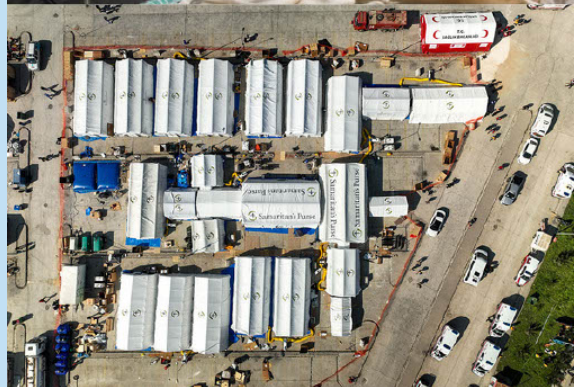
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March 24 to 27, 2023

Phoenix, AZ



CPFI hosted an annual CPFI Prayer Breakfast at the APhA Annual Meeting & Exposition in Phoenix, AZ, March 26, 2023. Susan and Gene Lutz represented CPFI at this event and Dr. Jeffrey A. Bates presented a talk titled '*A Humble, Limping, Servant Leader*'. [Click here to see the slide presentation](#)

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Join us on Sunday, August 20, 2023 at 5:00 PM ET



The CPFI Past Presidents Committee was asked to implement a prayer ministry on behalf of CPFI. In March 2020, we started a weekly Prayer Meeting on Sunday evening at 5 p.m. ET, initially to pray about Covid-19 needs. **We are meeting monthly now on the third Sunday.** If you would like an invitation, e-mail Nena Lindrose at Office@cpfi.org. She will send a reminder e-mail with instructions on how to join and some suggested prayer concerns during the week prior to the meeting. We hope you will join us **Sunday, August 20, 2023**, for our next session. By signing up you are only committing to participate when able and praying out loud is

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