

CALL & RESPONSE (about 5 rounds):

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Oh Jesus (Jesus) You're the center of my joy; oh, oh my joy!

TRADING MY SORROWS

CHORUS 1:

I'm trading my sorrow, I'm trading my shame
I'm laying it down for the joy of the Lord
I'm trading my sickness, I'm trading my pain
I'm laying it down for the joy of the Lord

CHORUS 2:

And we say yes Lord yes Lord yes yes Lord, Yes Lord yes Lord yes yes Lord
Yes Lord yes Lord yes yes Lord Amen

BRIDGE:

I'm pressed but not crushed, persecuted not abandoned
Struck down but not destroyed
I'm blessed beyond the curse, for his promise will endure
And his joy's gonna be my strength
Though the sorrow may last for the night
His joy comes with the morning

(SING CHORUS 1, CHORUS 2 TWICE, BRIDGE, then CHORUS 1 & 2)



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Call to Worship, Song Lyrics & Prayer of Confession

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We would be perfectly happy if our path were faultless,
if we were always in step with God.

All: This is my commandment:

That you love one another.

One: God has give us commandments
that we may live as effectively as possible.

With our eyes fixed on the Lord
we shall never be put to shame.

**All: You are to love one another
in the same way as I have loved you.**

One: O Lord, touch our lips with your saving grace,

All: that our lives may declare your praise!

GOODNESS OF GOD

I love You, Lord, oh, Your mercy never fails me
All my days I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

CHORUS:

And all my life You have been faithful
And all my life You have been so, so good
With ev'ry breath that I am able
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

I love Your voice, You have led me through the fire
And in darkest nights, You are close like no other
I've known You as a father, I've known You as a friend
And I have lived in the goodness of God

(SING CHORUS)

BRIDGE (SING 2X):

'Cause Your goodness is runnin' after, it's runnin' after me
Your goodness is runnin' after, it's runnin' after me
With my life laid down, I'm surrounded now, I give You ev'rything
'Cause Your goodness is runnin' after, it's runnin' after me

(SING CHORUS 2X)

I SING PRAISES

I sing praises to Your name, oh Lord, praises to Your name, oh Lord
For Your name is great and greatly to be praised!
I sing praises to Your name, oh Lord, praises to Your name, oh Lord
For Your name is great and greatly to be praised! (REPEAT)

(INTERLUDE)

I give glory to Your name, oh Lord, glory to Your name, oh Lord
For Your name is great and greatly to be praised!
I give glory to Your name, oh Lord, glory to Your name, oh Lord
For Your name is great and greatly to be praised! (REPEAT)

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, the psalmist declares that you have given human beings dominion over the works of your hands. All too often, though, we confuse this holy charge with having ownership. We find ourselves reluctant to count the cost of our failure to be your faithful stewards until disaster strikes.

And so we pray, show us another way, O God. Show us another way.

Holy God, your cry for wisdom and understanding echoes in our homes, our workplaces, our schools, our churches, our legislatures and our courts.

We confess we don't always want to hear that cry, deciding instead to rely on familiar habits, comfortable assumptions, and quick conclusions.

We ask you to show us another way, O God. Show us another way.

Merciful God, the apostle Paul proclaims peace, hope, and grace are your gifts to us. And yet there are times when grief overwhelms us, anxiety holds us captive, and suffering leaves us numb with despair.

We wonder how, even *if* you are at work in our lives, and we long for you to show us your way O God, Forgive us for going another way.

BETTER THAN A HALLELUJAH

God loves a lullaby in a mother's tears in the dead of night
Better than a hallelujah sometimes
God loves a drunkard's cry, the soldier's plea not to let him die
Better than a hallelujah sometimes

CHORUS:

We pour out our miseries, God just hears a melody
Beautiful, the mess we are, the honest cries of breaking hearts
Are better than a hallelujah

The woman holding on for life,
a dying man giving up the fight are better than a hallelujah sometimes.
The tears of shame for what's been done,
the silence when the words won't come Are better than a hallelujah sometimes

(SING CHORUS)

Better than a church bell ringing, better than a choir singing out, singing out

(SING CHORUS 2X)

Better than a hallelujah sometimes, better than a hallelujah, Better than a hallelujah sometimes

CENTER OF MY JOY

CHORUS:

Jesus, you're the center of my joy - all that's good and perfect comes from you
You're the source of my contentment, hope for all I do
Jesus, you're the center of my joy

When I've lost my direction, you're the compass for my way
You're the firelight when nights are long and cold
In sadness, you are the laughter that shatters all my fears
When I'm all alone, your hand is there to hold

(SING CHORUS)

You are why I find pleasure in the simple things in life
You're the music in the meadows and the streams
The voices of the children, my family, and my home
You're the source and finish of my highest dreams

(SING CHORUS)