



AN “AT HOME WORSHIP EXPERIENCE”
of First Baptist Church of Buda, Texas
Sunday, May 17, 2020



*Hi Everyone, This is the eighth week of these “At Home Worship Experience” guides that we have been producing. It’s hard to believe we have been sheltering at home for eight weeks now. And probably for some it has felt more like a year. You are probably like me and have missed gathering and getting to be together as the family of God... and that is an understatement. But I can’t help but feel that God has done some marvelous things in these times despite us and our circumstances. That statement isn’t meant to underestimate or show disregard for the terrible tragedy and loss that have affected many families and lives, but just to remind us that even in the most difficult of times God can still bring about some good and for His glory. Before we even get into this weeks “At Home Worship Experience” take a moment and thank about any blessings and benefits, and thankful things, or positive faith steps that you have seen through this terrible pandemic and challenging time; then before beginning this worship time give thanks to God for those things and ask Him to magnify and glorify His name through this time.
God bless you, Bro. Buddy*

*This “At Home Worship Experience” is provided by First Baptist Church of Buda, Texas to be used in the home during this time of home confinement due to the threat imposed by the Coronavirus. During this time when we are unable to meet together we can still do church in our homes and worship our God who is still on the throne, and is worthy of all worship, honour, and praise. This worship experience tool can be used any time you want, but we are encouraging you to go through this worship experience on **Sunday morning, May 17 at 10:45 a.m.** (our regular worship time). This way we can all be worshipping together, at the same time. Follow the provided order of service as closely as possible, but please feel free to adapt the service to what best fits your family and guests that may be worshipping with you.*

Opening Prayer – Have someone lead in an opening prayer!

Call to Worship – Responsive Reading

Following is a familiar and popular praise song written by Michael W. Smith, “Forever.” You may be familiar with this beautiful song of worship and praise. As a call to worship today, recite the words to this song as a “Responsive Reading.” Select one person to read the lighter regular print (labeled worship leader), and then the others who may be worshipping with you respond by reading the darker italicized print.

WORSHIP LEADER: Give thanks to the Lord, Our God and King, His love endures forever

THE GATHERED: For He is good, He is above all things, His love endures forever

WORSHIP LEADER: Sing praise, sing praise

THE GATHERED: With a mighty hand and outstretched arm, His love endures forever

WORSHIP LEADER: For the life that’s been reborn, His love endures forever

THE GATHERED: Sing praise, sing praise

WORSHIP LEADER: From the rising to the setting sun, His love endures forever

THE GATHERED: By the grace of God we will carry on. His love endures forever

WORSHIP LEADER: Sing praise, sing praise

THE GATHERED: Forever God is faithful! Forever God is strong! Forever God is with us, Forever and ever!

WORSHIP LEADER: Forever God is faithful! Forever God is strong! Forever God is with us, Forever and ever!

ALL TOGETHER: Forever!

Something to think about: *Those words...this beautiful praise song is expressing a powerful truth about our God. What do you think that truth is? How does that truth help us in our day... particularly in these times we are in? Explain.*

Sing this Hymn – “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” (Hymn 54) *Sing and meditate on the lyrics of this great old hymn of faith. Then spend some time discussing what the writer of this great hymn is telling us about God.

*Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not; As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.*

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see:
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided--Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness to Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.
Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see:
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided--Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see:
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided--Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Sing this Hymn – “There’s Something About That Name” (Hymn 177)

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus; There just something about that name!
Master, Savior, Jesus, like a fragrance after the rain;
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, let all heaven and earth proclaim;
Kings and kingdoms will all pass away,
But there’s something about that name!

Something to think about: These two beautiful songs are a great expression of worship to our God and King, Jesus Christ. Reflect together on what these two songs may be telling us.

- (1) What particular picture of God/Jesus from either of these songs sticks out the most to you and why? What kind of comfort and help does that give you given our present circumstance and situation?**
- (2) How do these songs point to God as over all creation and what does that tell us about God being in control? How does this apply to us today?**
- (3) Based on these songs, what can we count on/depend on every day from our God? How does that help you... make you worship Him today?**

Now sing “There’s Something About That Name” again with fresh eyes!

Scripture Reading: Psalm 118:5-9

“⁵I called on the Lord in my distress; the Lord answered me and set me in a broad place. ⁶The Lord is on my side; I will not fear, what can man do to me? ⁷The Lord is for me among those who help me; therefore I shall see my desire on those who hate me. ⁸It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man. ⁹It is better to trust the Lord than to put confidence in princes.” (NKJV)

Psalm 118 does not name an author in its title, but there is good reason to believe that is a Psalm of David expressing praise and worship to God. Some believe that this Psalm is referenced in Ezra 3 at the founding of the second temple as a song of praise and worship. However it fits in the history of God’s people it speaks power, God ordained, comfort and truth into the hearts of God’s people for all time. Verses 5-9 have some powerful reminders for all of us no matter what we are going through.

Have someone read this passage then ask/discuss the following:

- (1) What causes your distress? Would you call these times distressful? Why? In what ways? What is God’s promise here concerning our distress and what do you think the Psalmist means by “a broad place”?**
- (2) The Psalmist states in a couple of different ways how God feels about us and what His relationship is to us in verses 6 & 7. How does the Psalmist describe how God feels about us and what His relationship is with us in verses 6 & 7? How does this make you feel and how does this help you? What do you think the Psalmist is not telling us? What do you think the Psalmist is telling us?**
- (3) What is your first reaction when you read verse 8? How might this verse apply today and even given our present situation? What is the balance here and/or does there even need to be one? How does this fit with verse 9?**

SERMON TIME: Watching together the pastor’s devotional message YouTube video on the front page of the website: www.firstbaptistbuda.com You may also watch the message on our church Facebook page.

Closing Prayer & Song - “Family of God”

“I’m so glad I’m a part of the family of God. I’ve been washed in the fountain, cleansed by His blood! Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod, for I’m part of the family, the family of God.”

SPECIAL NOTE: This “At Home Worship Experience” is for week 8 (5/17/20). As we continue to be unable to meet for worship we will provide further “At Home Worship Experience” material for you and your family to use at home to worship together. These will be available on our website www.firstbaptistbuda.com Locate the green house “At Home Worship Experience” icon on the front page of our website and simply click there. You may download and print the material for the appropriate date or use it directly from the site. For more information or if you have questions contact our church office.