

Journey Community Church
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Slide #1: Summer Journey Logo

Who I am 10 years full-time at Lake Lundgren + 5 Summers.

Summer/Ministry Update

SLIDE #2: Lake Lundgren Logo

Slide #3: Campfire

Slide #4: Bikes

Slide #5: worship

SLIDE #6: RUNNING TO JESUS

We don't have much time, so we're just going to dive right in: Open to Psalm 63

God's Word is powerful! Let's read it. Psalm 63:1-4

Run through Slides #7-9 as I read the text

This was probably written while David was fleeing from Absalom.

Absalom his son: Wanted to kill his own father and become king. David is fleeing for his life and you can imagine the feelings he is experiencing along with this.

Seeds Family Worship Psalm 63:1-4...sounds so happy and carefree.

Slide #10

Three observations:

- The Hard Stuff
- The Reminder
- The Response

Slide #11

Verse 1: The Hard Stuff

Slide #12

Verse 2-3: The Reminder

Slide #13

Charles Spurgeon added a note of interest: "Chrysostom tells us that among the primitive Christians it was decreed and ordained that no day should pass without the public singing of this psalm."

Slide #14

Verse 4: The Response

I want to tell you a story...

Slide #15 (The Fence)

Get off the fence: A few years back events had led me to a dark place. My identity had been wrapped up what I did at camp and what I was good at...and slowly those things were being dampened.

Slide #16

When you're in the Thick of It

1. Fix your eyes on Jesus
2. Remind yourself of Truth
3. Respond with Praise

I'm going to read through some verses and song lyrics that will help us to refocus on Truth...
(The lyrics and verses will not be on the screen)

Slide #17

Have you come to the end of yourself
Do you thirst for a drink from the well?
Jesus is calling
O come to the altar
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ

3 Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. 3 For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God

Here I am
Down on my knees again
Surrendering all
Surrendering all
Find me here
Lord as You draw me near
Desperate for You
Desperate for You

23
Search me, God, and know my heart;
test me and know my anxious thoughts.
24
See if there is any offensive way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.

7 If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it.”

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are, Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me
Lord, I need You, oh I need You
Every hour, I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You

12 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, **2** fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. **3** Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

REMIND YOURSELF OF TRUTH

23 For the Lord your God dried up the Jordan before you until you had crossed over. The Lord your God did to the Jordan what he had done to the Red Sea[b] when he dried it up before us until we had crossed over. 24 He did this so that all the peoples of the earth might know that the hand of the Lord is powerful and so that you might always fear the Lord your God.”

11 My name will be great among the nations, from where the sun rises to where it sets. In every place incense and pure offerings will be brought to me, because my name will be great among the nations,” says the Lord Almighty.

I see the work of Your hands
Galaxies spin in a heavenly dance, oh God
All that You are is so overwhelming
I hear the sound of Your voice
All at once it's a gentle and thundering noise, oh God
All that You are is so overwhelming

8 Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.

God of salvation
You chased down my heart
Through all of my failure and pride
On a hill You created
The light of the world
Abandoned in darkness to die

13 For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

What a powerful Name it is
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a powerful Name it is
Nothing can stand against
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

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.”

You carried sin and shame
The guilt of every man
The weight of all I've done
Nailed into your hands
Oh, Your love bled for me
Oh, Your blood in crimson streams
Oh, Your death is hell's defeat
A cross meant to kill is my Jesus victory

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways,"
declares the Lord.

9

"As the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

There is strength within the sorrow
There is beauty in our tears
And you meet us in our mourning
With a love that cast out fear
Your plans are still to prosper
You have not forgotten us
You're with us in the fire and the flood
You're faithful forever
Perfect in love
You are sovereign over us

What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more
Praise the Lord!
His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness, new every morn
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more

He was despised and rejected by mankind,
a man of suffering, and familiar with pain.
Like one from whom people hide their faces
he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.

4

Surely he took up our pain
and bore our suffering,
yet we considered him punished by God,

stricken by him, and afflicted.
But he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities;
the punishment that brought us peace was on him,
and by his wounds we are healed.

The ground began to shake
The stone was rolled away
His perfect love could not be overcome
Now death where is your sting
Our resurrected king has rendered you defeated
Forever, he is glorified
Forever, he is lifted high
Forever, he is risen
He is alive
He is alive
We sing hallelujah
We sing hallelujah
We sing hallelujah
The lamb has overcome

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,
10

that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

11
and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me

RESPOND WITH PRAISE

Here in Your presence
All of my gains now fade away
Every crown no longer on display
Here in Your presence
Heaven is trembling in awe of Your wonders
The kings and their kingdoms are standing amazed
Here in Your presence
We are undone

Here in Your presence
Heaven and Earth become one
Here in Your presence
All things are new
Here in Your presence
Everything bows before You

2 Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters,[a] whenever you face trials of many kinds, 3 because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.

You take our failure
You take our weakness
You set Your treasure
In jars of clay
So take this heart Lord
I'll be Your vessel
The world to see
Your life in me

15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. 16 Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God
I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God

17
I will perpetuate your memory through all generations;
therefore the nations will praise you for ever and ever.

I can't believe
The price You paid for me
What You did not owe so that I could know You
How can it be
You chose someone like me
To declare Your praise for the glory of Your name

10 And they cried out in a loud voice:
"Salvation belongs to our God,
who sits on the throne,
and to the Lamb."

11 All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12 saying:
"Amen!
Praise and glory

and wisdom and thanks and honor
and power and strength
be to our God for ever and ever.
Amen!"

Jesus, worthy is the lamb that was slain for us, son of god and man
You are high and lifted up, that all the world will praise Your great name

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes
Come today there's no reason to wait
Jesus is calling
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy
From the ashes a new life is born
Jesus is calling (Oh, oh)

This isn't what I'd choose
But it's where I'm finding You
When I'm broken and undone
Your mercy's just begun
You overcome my doubt
Your hands are reaching out
You hold me through the storm
And I will fear no more

I approach the throne of glory
Nothing in my hands I bring
But the promise of acceptance
From a good and gracious King
I will give to You my burden
As You give to me Your strength
Come and fill me with Your Spirit
As I sing to You this praise
You deserve the greater glory
Overcome, I lift my voice
To the King in need of nothing
Empty handed I rejoice
You deserve the greater glory
Overcome with joy I sing
By Your love I am accepted
You're a good and gracious King

Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed,
for his compassions never fail.

23

They are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.

Jesus, only Jesus
Help me trust You more and more
Jesus, only Jesus
May my heart be ever Yours

Wonderful
Beautiful
Glorious
Matchless in every way
Wonderful
Beautiful
Glorious
Matchless in every way

But I trust in your unfailing love;
my heart rejoices in your salvation.
I will sing to the Lord,
for he has been good to me.

There's no shadow You won't light up
Mountain You won't climb up
Coming after me
There's no wall You won't kick down
Lie You won't tear down
Coming after me

1
You, God, are my God,
earnestly I seek you;
I thirst for you,
my whole being longs for you,
in a dry and parched land
where there is no water.

2
I have seen you in the sanctuary
and beheld your power and your glory.

3
Because your love is better than life,
my lips will glorify you.

4
I will praise you as long as I live,
and in your name I will lift up my hands.

5
I will be fully satisfied as with the richest of foods;
with singing lips my mouth will praise you.