

BECAUSE HE LIVES
WORSHIP *is* WAR



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- Written during the late 1960s, a time of national unrest, war & cultural upheaval.
- Gloria Gaither was pregnant & deeply troubled by the uncertainty of raising a child in such a fearful world.
- Bill & Gloria experienced a spiritual renewal, sensing God's assurance & peace amid their anxiety.
- The song is a declaration of hope rooted in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.
- It is a global anthem of faith in times of crisis.

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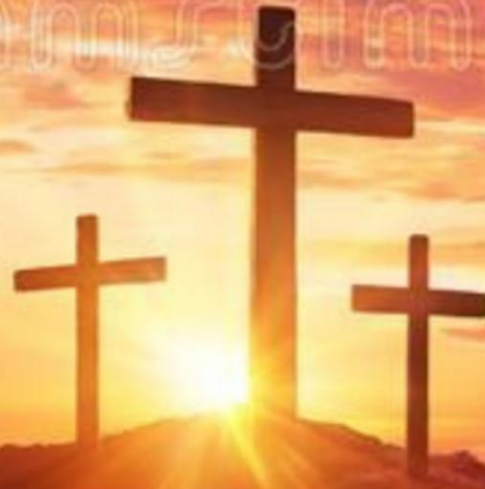
The Point

Because Jesus lives, worship gives us strength to face fear, uncertainty, and even death with hope and courage.

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We ALL Can Face Tomorrow

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- Jesus' resurrection gives us confidence in the future.

25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, 26 and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" (John 11:25–26 ESV)

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- Our future is secure in Jesus, not in circumstances.

11 For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. (Jeremiah 29:11 ESV)

- Worship declares our trust in God's sovereignty over tomorrow.

5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. 6 In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. (Pv. 3:5–6 ESV)

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- The resurrection proves Jesus holds authority over life & death.

17 When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, “Fear not, I am the first and the last, 18 and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.” (Revelation 1:17–18 ESV)

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- We can live with hope, not dread.

13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. (Romans 15:13 ESV)



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- Worship is a weapon against fear- it reminds us of truth.
When I am afraid, I put my trust in you. In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid.
(Psalm 56:3–4 ESV)
- Jesus didn't just die for us - He rose again to walk with us.
20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen. (Matthew 28:20 ESV)

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- We don't worship to escape reality - we worship to confront it with truth.

*16 When I thought how to understand this, It was too painful for me—17 Until I went into the sanctuary of God; Then I understood their end.
(Psalm 73:16–17 ESV)*

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- Life has meaning because Jesus conquered death.

*20 But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. 21 For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.
(1 Corinthians 15:20–22 ESV)*

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- Our suffering is not wasted - it points to eternal hope.

18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. (Romans 8:18 ESV)

- We are called to live with purpose & joy.

*21 For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.
(Philippians 1:21 ESV)*

Life is Worth Living

- Legacy & faith matter deeply in later years.

*18 Now also when I am old and grayheaded, O God, do not forsake me, Until I declare Your strength to this generation, Your power to everyone who is to come.
(Psalm 71:18 ESV)*

Life is Worth Living

- Death is not the end - it's the beginning of glory .

*5 For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.
(2 Corinthians 5:1 ESV)*

Practical Application

- Begin each day with a short prayer of gratitude.
- Sing or hum a hymn during quiet moments.
- Share a testimony with a caregiver or visitor.
- Write down memories of God's faithfulness.
- Pray for others in the facility who may be lonely or afraid.
- Keep a "Because He Lives" journal - record blessings & answered prayers.
- Look for signs of God's presence in everyday life.

Discussion Questions

- How have you seen God's faithfulness in uncertain times?
- What fears do you still wrestle with & how can worship help?
- How does knowing Jesus rose from the grave change your view of aging or death?
- What legacy of faith do you hope to leave behind?
- How can we encourage one another to worship boldly in this season of life?

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