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People Get Ready

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*People get ready
There's a train a-coming
You don't need no baggage
You just get on board
All you need is faith
To hear the diesels humming
Don't need no ticket
You just thank the Lord*

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*There ain't no room for the hopeless sinner
Who would hurt all mankind just to save his own
Have pity on those
Whose chances grow thinner
For there's no hiding place against the Kingdom's Throne*

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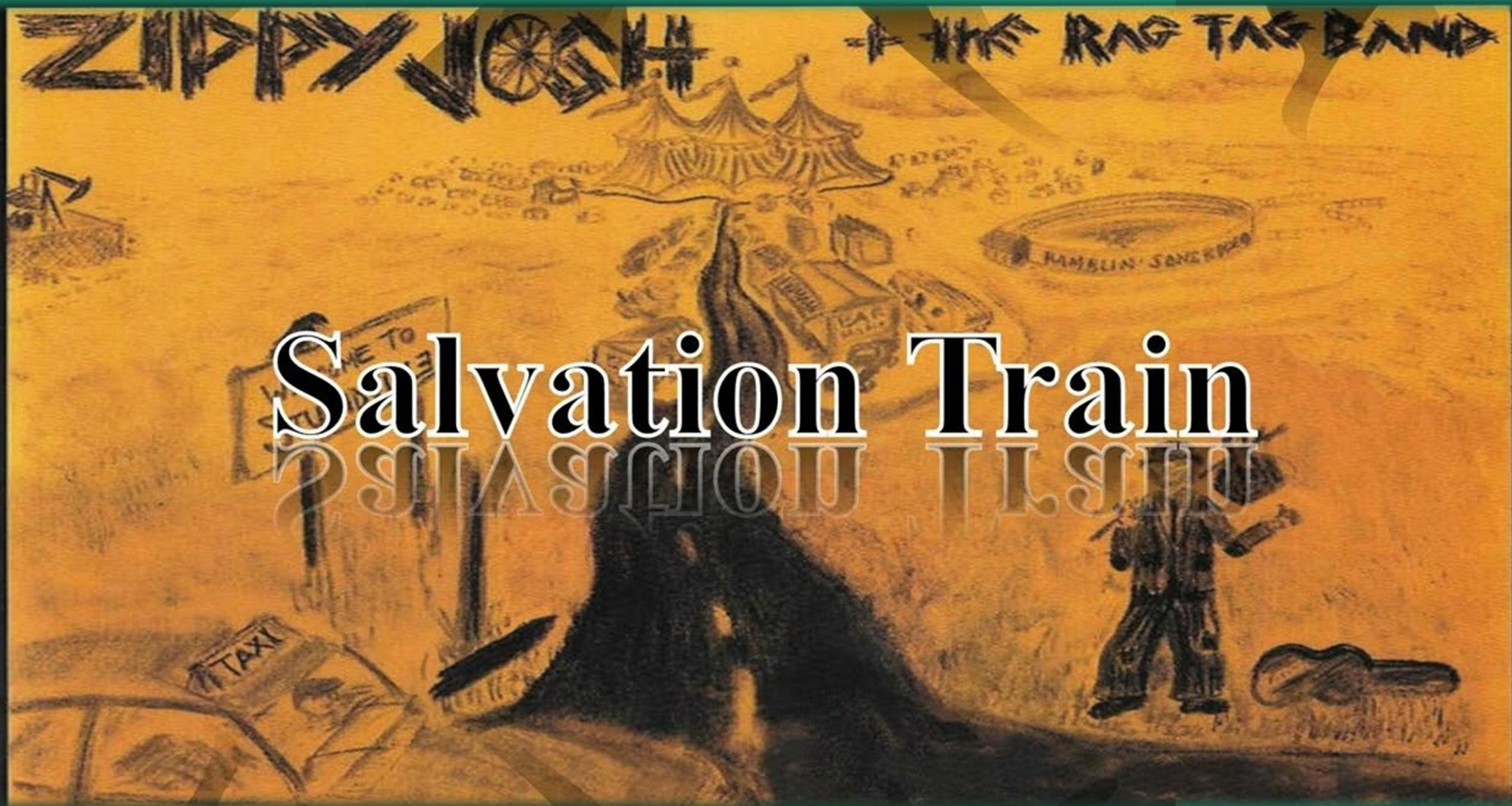
*So people get ready
For the train to Jordan
Picking up passengers' coast to coast
Faith is the key
Open the doors and board 'em
There's hope for all
Among those loved the most*

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- Composer: Curtis Mayfield, lead singer of The Impressions
- Written during the height of the American civil rights movement.
- "People Get Ready" became an anthem of hope & faith.
- Curtis Mayfield, deeply influenced by his Christian upbringing, wove biblical imagery into a message of unity, salvation & social justice.
- The “train” is symbolic of spiritual preparation for God’s Kingdom.

ZIPPER JOE + THE RAG TAG BAND

Salvation Train



Salvation Train

- The train is a symbol of Salvation.
- It signifies the invitation to God's Kingdom.

29 And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. (Luke 13:29 ESV)

Salvation Train

- No baggage is required – Let go of earthly burdens.
- Spiritual readiness doesn't depend on material things.

1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, (Hebrews 12:1 ESV)

Salvation Train

- The train runs on faith, not effort or merit.
- Faith is all you need.

8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, (Ephesians 2:8 ESV)

Salvation Train

- We are called to hear God's call through faith.
- The sound of the diesels is a call to listen.

17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ. (Romans 10:17 ESV)

- Boarding the train means responding with praise, not payment.

Salvation Train

- Thankfulness is our response for God's grace

18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. (1 Thessalonians 5:18 ESV)



EVIL HEART OF THE SINNER

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- Scripture warns against selfishness.

13 Whoever closes his ear to the cry of the poor will himself call out and not be answered. (Proverbs 21:13 ESV)

- God judges the heart of sinners.
- Everyone is accountable to God's judgment.

27 And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, (Hebrews 9:27 ESV)

Evil Heart of the Sinner

- Hope still exists for the repentant – All can turn to Jesus.
*9 The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.
(2 Peter 3:9 ESV)*

Evil Heart of the Sinner

- There is an urgency for salvation
- Delaying decision is spiritually dangerous.

*2 For he says, “In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you.” Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.
(2 Corinthians 6:2 ESV)*

Evil Heart of the Sinner

- There is no hiding from God's Throne - Final judgment will be unavoidable and righteous.

12 And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done. (Revelation 20:12 ESV)



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- Jordan represents the transition from earthly life to eternal promise.

*17 Now the priests bearing the ark of the covenant of the Lord stood firmly on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan, and all Israel was passing over on dry ground until all the nation finished passing over the Jordan.
(Joshua 3:17 ESV)*

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- God's invitation is for all people.
- "Passengers coast to coast" reflects God's worldwide call.

34 So Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, 35 but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. (Acts 10:34-35 ESV)

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- Faith is the key that opens the door to salvation.
- Faith opens the door to Heaven.

20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me. (Revelation 3:20 ESV)

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- Hope is available to all who believe.
- This train ride brings hope, not despair.

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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- “Loved the most” refers to God's covenant love for believers - God’s love is for His people.

6 “For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth.” (Deuteronomy 7:6 ESV)

Practical Applications

- Respond to God's call with faith, not fear
- Trust in Jesus & His promise of eternal life.
- Let go of life's burdens & worries & focus on what matters most—your relationship with God.
- Share the message of hope with others encouraging them to “get ready” while there's still time.
- Practice gratitude for salvation by thanking the Lord daily for His free gift of grace.

Practical Applications

- Show compassion to the lost & hurting.
- Don't judge—offer hope & prayers to those struggling.
- Prepare daily to meet the Lord & live each day with eternity in mind & readiness in heart.

Discussion Questions

- What does the image of a “train to Jordan” symbolize to you personally?
- Why do you think the song says we don’t need “baggage” or a “ticket” to get on board?
- How does faith serve as the “key” to entering God’s Kingdom?
- What does the song teach us about the urgency of responding to God’s call?

Discussion Questions

- How can we help others “get ready” for the Kingdom of God?
- What gives you hope as you consider the idea of God's train picking up passengers “coast to coast”?



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