

True or False? “I’ve already griped
about something today?”

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“The confession of evil works is the first
beginning of good works.” —Augustine

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Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say,
rejoice. —Philippians 4:4 ^{ESV}

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“Joy is that serene happiness,
which is the result of conscious
union with God and good men,
of conscious possession of eternal
life... and which raises us above
pain and sorrow and remorse.”

—Alfred Plummer

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“Worship is the total energy of
my life focused on the glory of God
in all things.”

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“God is glorified in His people
when we offer praise in the midst
of problems and pain.”

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“Praise of God is a frequent theme in the Psalms, the Hebrew title of which is *Praises*. Yet praise is a theme that pervades the whole of Scripture. Words that are often used as synonyms or in parallel with *praise*, and so help point to its meaning, are *bless*, *exalt*, *extol*, *glorify*, *magnify*, *thank*, and *confess*. To praise God is to call attention to His glory.”

—Baker Bible Dictionary

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Praise is Rooted in Who God is
and Not Where I am in Life

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²⁵About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, ²⁶and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone's bonds were unfastened. —Acts 16:25-26 ^{ESV}

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Praise is Reinforced Through
Fellowship With One Another

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³I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now...
²⁷Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ,

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so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel.
—Philippians 1:3-5, 27 ^{ESV}

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¹So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ²complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.

—Philippians 2:1-2 ESV

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Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel.

—Philippians 1:27 ESV

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Praise is Recognition that
God Works Grace and Glory
Through Our Pain

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²⁹For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in Him but also suffer for His sake, ³⁰engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

—Philippians 1:29-30 ESV

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⁶Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time He may exalt you, ⁷casting all your anxieties on Him, because He cares for you. ⁸Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, firm in your faith,

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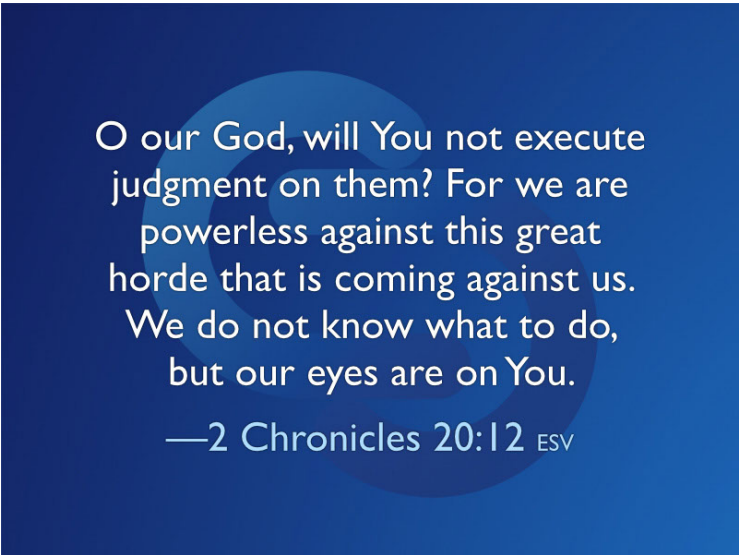
knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. ¹⁰And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To Him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen. —1 Peter 5:6-11 ESV

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Praise is the Reliance of Faith
Turned Inside Out

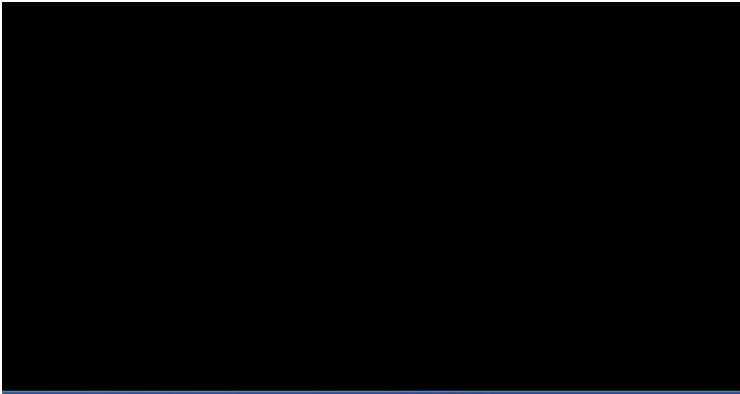
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O our God, will You not execute
judgment on them? For we are
powerless against this great
horde that is coming against us.
We do not know what to do,
but our eyes are on You.

—2 Chronicles 20:12 ^{ESV}

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“The first great and primary business...
every day was to have my soul happy
in the Lord.” —George Mueller

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