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**Living Your Story**  
**Psalm 145:1-7 NLT**  
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Good morning. It is my honour to be able to share from God's word this morning with my church family.

To review: What is our mission?

“Lead people to become committed followers of Jesus Christ.” Have you ever asked why? Have you ever wondered why?

Let's shed a little light on that this morning. Our passage is Psalm 145:1-7. As we read through it, really look at the depth of David's praise. What is he feeling? Where does that come from?

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**Psalm 145:1-7 NLT**

- I will exalt you, my God and King,  
and praise your name forever and ever.**  
**<sup>2</sup> I will praise you every day;  
yes, I will praise you forever.**  
**<sup>3</sup> Great is the Lord! He is most worthy of praise!  
No one can measure his greatness.**

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- <sup>4</sup> Let each generation tell its children of your mighty acts;  
let them proclaim your power.**  
**<sup>5</sup> I will meditate on your majestic, glorious splendor  
and your wonderful miracles.**  
**<sup>6</sup> Your awe-inspiring deeds will be on every tongue;  
I will proclaim your greatness.**  
**<sup>7</sup> Everyone will share the story of your wonderful goodness;  
they will sing with joy about your righteousness.**

First off, don't you wish you could talk like David wrote. It is so poetic and descriptive. If praise was cup of water, David's cup runneth over. He is filled with praise for God. He cannot contain it in himself.

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praise

Dictionary result for praise

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verb

verb: praise; 3rd person present: praises; past tense: praised; past participle: praised; gerund or present participle: praising

1. I. express warm approval or admiration of."we can't praise Chris enough—he did a brilliant job"

synonyms: commend, express approval of, express admiration for, applaud, pay tribute to, speak highly of, eulogize, compliment, congratulate, celebrate, sing the praises of, praise to the skies, rave about, go into raptures about, heap praise on, wax lyrical about, say nice things about, make much of, pat on the back, take one's hat off to, throw bouquets at, lionize, admire, hail, cheer, flatter;

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noun

noun: praise; plural noun: praises

1. I. the expression of approval or admiration for someone or something."the audience was full of praise for the whole production"

synonyms: approval, acclaim, admiration, approbation, acclamation, plaudits, congratulations, commendation, applause, flattery, adulation;

We see in our passage that praise is used as both verb and noun. David waxes poetically of how amazing God is.

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Psalm 145:1-3 NLT

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David promises to praise the Lord His King and His name every day because He is great. The greatness of the Lord is so awesome it is unmeasurable. He will praise God forever, every day he will praise his name. He holds God up before anyone or anything.

David sounds like a perfect Christian. And yet David was not the perfect Christian. He cheated on his wife with another woman. To cover up his adultery, he has his mistress's husband killed. Not the life of the "perfect christian". David had his ups and his downs. He always turned back to God and exalted him. He would always come back in humility to God.

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David shows us that living a life where God comes first doesn't mean you have to be perfect. It means you have to humble yourself to the one who is perfect.

David can praise God because he has seen God do the the amazing in his life. David had to repeatedly put his trust in God to do the miraculous because David risked much to God. The story of David and Goliath is that picture. David KNEW in his heart how amazing God was, and he trusted God with his life and of all of Israel when he took on Goliath as a boy.

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### **1 Samuel 17:32-33 NLT**

**Don't worry about this Philistine," David told Saul. "I'll go fight him!"**

**<sup>33</sup> "Don't be ridiculous!" Saul replied. "There's no way you can fight this Philistine and possibly win! You're only a boy, and he's been a man of war since his youth."**

But we know what happens. David took a step of faith in God and killed Goliath in God's power.

David can praise God from the depths of his soul because he has put his trust in God and seen God do the miraculous when he risked for God.

Paul explains how we can know the depths of Christ's love when we put our trust in him.

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### **Ephesians 3:14-20**

**<sup>14</sup> When I think of all this, I fall to my knees and pray to the Father, <sup>15</sup> the Creator of everything in heaven and on earth. <sup>16</sup> I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit.**

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**<sup>17</sup> Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong. <sup>18</sup> And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. <sup>19</sup> May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.**

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**<sup>20</sup> Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. <sup>21</sup> Glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen.**

We can know the depths of God's love when we put our trust in him. We can't begin to know God's love if we don't trust him with everything. I love that passage because Paul, as David does, shares from his experience with Jesus, the depth of his life with Christ. He is praying this over the Ephesian church. He wants each person to experience that same love that only comes with trusting Jesus.

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Psalm 145:4 NLT

**<sup>4</sup> Let each generation tell its children of your mighty acts; let them proclaim your power.**

David shares how God's mighty acts echo through the generations. They are passed down from one generation to the next.

This can happen at funerals when you are sharing someone's story with those who have come to say goodbye. You share where there was no Jesus on the scene and all of a sudden someone comes to Christ. You share what they were like before Jesus and then Jesus changes them miraculously. And then their family finds Christ, and then the grandkids do as well. I have done a

funeral where the grandkids were the active in the funeral as they were pastors now that they have grown up and the story that came through was how Christ entered their family through the saving of their grandpa and supernaturally impacted the lives through 3 generations and more to come. God's power is proclaimed through the generations.

Do you want to know where this also happens? Children's Ministry. Verse 4 is the definition of children's ministry where we have the opportunity and the responsibility to tell the next generation of God's mighty acts.

Those who serve down there get to see it first hand. Not only do they get to see it shared, they also get to see it lived out. What I mean by that is our children's ministry is pretty amazing. It starts in nursery, then through the 2-5 year old rooms, and then on to the grade 1-5 group. The kids hear each week how God in each story is the hero and the point of the story. Often in Children's ministry, this is where it ends. We also have a grade 6-7 group called the Bridge. This is where you see the transformational power of Jesus at work. The purpose of the Bridge is to teach these young people how to dig deeper into the bible and how to lead others. They are taught to lead other kids in venues like children's ministry, IAC, soccer camp, powerhouse.

These kids go on to be able to share the mighty works of God to other kids. How amazing is that. Did you know that there is an opening in children's ministry for an adult story teller who gets to play a role in this amazing process of telling the next generation of God's amazing power. Contact Leora for more information. If you don't think you are qualified, talk to her first. It comes with training.

Also, in this same area, our youth ministry is looking for people from the ages of 18-100 who want to play a role in investing in the lives of our youth. We are serious about the ages needed. There is room for our young adults who can share and run with these young whipper snappers. But there is lots of room for parent age and grandparent age volunteers as well. These kids are on the cusp of choosing where their life is headed. You can be a part of that. Our youth is 50% unchurched. 100% of the kids are on the cusp of having to choose for themselves if this is their faith or their parents/youth group faith. What an amazing opportunity to make an impact on kids who may not even know yet that God is going to have a massive impact on their life which will echo through the generations. Talk to Ryan and Emma for more information.

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We get to share the amazing feats of God to the next generation and we already see what God is doing with that. We see kids who are leading other kids to know Christ.

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**Psalm 145:5-6**

**<sup>5</sup> I will meditate on your majestic, glorious splendour and your wonderful miracles.**

**<sup>6</sup> Your awe-inspiring deeds will be on every tongue; I will proclaim your greatness.**

Believers tell of the splendour of His majesty His works and meditate on them, sing of them, and celebrate them and His goodness.

Read this section again. These are not the words of someone who has read about how great God is. David is someone who has lived it. You have to experience God's greatness to share to such depth. Are you living the life that you can experience his goodness or is your faith one where you only turn to God when you are in crisis.

Last week, I shared a lot about our ministry at Radiant Life Church. I say our ministry by the way, because it is OUR ministry. I shared how many people from CRBC are serving there and making a huge difference in the lives of the most vulnerable in CR.

I shared some life changing stories as well. Today I want to share a little tidbit of how I see God work small miracles in the day to day.

Several weeks ago, a guy came into the office during the week just to introduce himself. He asked some questions about Radiant Life and just knew he was called to serve in some way. He is a handyman and he was available to help. We chatted and I invited him to come the next Sunday to take in the service and just observe as we serve the meal and my hope was he would see how he could fit in.

So, on the Sunday, sure enough, he was in the service and singing and listening to the sermon. Then we break to get ready for lunch to serve 88 people that day. All of a sudden we realize we have no hot water. He asks if he can look into it and help. It turns out, he finds a 2nd hot water tank that I didn't

even know we had. It was done. He spent parts of 2 1/2 days replacing it with a new hot water tank. Small miracle. Check. Awe inspiring deeds. Check.

If you only turn to God when you are in crisis, you are missing out on the fullness of what God has for you. You were created on purpose for a purpose. A verse I shared last week, helps us this week as well.

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### **Acts 1:8 NLT**

**<sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”**

This passage does not speak of someone who has read about Jesus. A witness is one who was there during the action that is passing on the amazing deeds of Christ. They are seeing with their own eyes the awe inspiring deeds of Jesus and as a witness, sharing them.

You have to get in the game to be able to be a witness to what Christ is doing. If we truly believe we were created on purpose for a purpose, it has to have an impact on our actions.

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### **Ephesians 2:8-10 NLT**

**<sup>8</sup> God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. <sup>9</sup> Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. <sup>10</sup> For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.**

God leaves nothing to chance. He gives us gifts and talents so we can participate in his grand rescue plan. You can't pour your heart out like David does in this psalm, if you aren't participating in the story. You can't live the life or the story you were created for, unless you participate by taking a step in that direction.

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### **Psalms 145:7**

**<sup>7</sup> Everyone will share the story of your wonderful goodness;**

**they will sing with joy about your righteousness.**

This goes to our purpose. David has done this. He has tried and struggled and fallen (Bathsheba), and yet continues to persevere. He continues to turn to God. He was created on purpose for a purpose. So were you. So was I. We need to take a step. We need to risk failure. That leads to depth of experience and trust.

Do you believe God wants to do the miraculous through you? Do you believe that? Little old you?

Because he does.

Psalm 107 has a similar message. We actually have it over the centre doors in the foyer as you leave the building.

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The NIV says it this way:

**Psalm 107:1-2a NIV**

**Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
his love endures forever.**

**<sup>2</sup> Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story**

We are called to tell our story. As we leave this building, let this be our testimony. We have the call to be a people who live this out. Jesus is calling us to live and share our story that we were created for.

I love the picture that is behind this text because it is the picture of a young kid holding his dad's hand. As we leave this building, we don't leave it alone. God is with us and he's telling us, I got you. Trust me and live your story you were created for and share it. You don't have to be perfect, you have to trust and take a step towards Jesus.