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Series: Authentic: Living Life through the Psalms

Title: When I come out...

Text: Psalms 66:1-13

Text (New Living Translation)

Shout joyful praises to God, all the earth! ² Sing about the glory of his name! Tell the world how glorious he is. ³ Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds! Your enemies cringe before your mighty power. ⁴ Everything on earth will worship you; they will sing your praises, shouting your name in glorious songs.”

⁵ Come and see what our God has done, what awesome miracles he performs for people! ⁶ He made a dry path through the Red Sea, and his people went across on foot. There we rejoiced in him. ⁷ For by his great power he rules forever. He watches every movement of the nations; let no rebel rise in defiance.

⁸ Let the whole world **ble^ss our God** and loudly sing his praises. ⁹ Our lives are in his hands, and he keeps our feet from stumbling. ¹⁰ ***You have tested us, O God; you have purified us like silver. ¹¹ You captured us in your net and laid the burden of slavery on our backs. ¹² Then you put a leader over us. We went through fire and flood, but you brought us to a place of great abundance.***

Introduction:

In this Psalm, we learn about the God of Israel who keeps his promises. The one who is true to His Word. The one you and I can

count on to always come through. After you have been through hell and high water, experience destruction and devastation, gone through the dry places. We are offered in this text a hope and a future. We are offered a picture of a God who will, after the test, come out into a place of great abundance.

The Apostle Peter wrote, ***“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. 1 Pet. 5:10***

Beloved, God promises restoration, strength and to establish us in His will because of the call that has been given to us.

Last week when we talked about being in the Dry Places, I mentioned that there’s One thing you must do, One thing you must remember and One thing you must believe.... Check it out!

Today, I want to encourage you in the same way, When you come out (v.12) of whatever you’ve been going through.

There is One thing you Must DO, Must REMEMBER and Must BELIEVE!

- I. **One Thing You Must Do ... v.2 “Tell the World”**
 - a. **Who:** All the Earth (Every nation, tribe and tongue)
 - b. **How:** Through your Praise and Testimony
Shout joyful Praise (v.1) – Heb. Tehillah, the singing of Hallals (root word for hallelujah), it means (i.e. hallal),

“to be clear, to praise, to shine, to boast, show, rave, celebrate, to be clamorously foolish.”

- c. **Why #1:** Because He said to do it (Praise is a command)
 - He is God, We are Not
 - He calls the Shots, its not a debate
 - **Psalms 150:1** “Praise the Lord” is a command
- d. **Why #2:** He likes it
 - i. We were created to praise Him and give Him worship
 - ii. Praising the Lord is never a spectator sport, this is the only game that you come in which there are no fans – only players!

Habakkuk 3:17-18 NIV – *Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior.*

Praise is never based on the conditions and circumstances of your live situation. **It’s an act of your will and not based on what you feel!**

II. **One Thing You Must Remember ... v.5 “He Still Performs Miracles” (He is great in all that He does)**

- a. **Who:** You should remember this
- b. **How Great:** Really Great!
Psalms 145:3 NIV – *Great is the Lord, and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom (measure or gauge).*

- c. **Why Remember #1:** Because you will need it again (in the future)
- d. **Why Remember #2:** Because the days we live in demands that we keep it all in perspective (we must live with eternity in view)

John 16:33 NLT – “... Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. **But take heart,** because I have overcome the world.”

III. **One Thing You Must Believe ... v.12 “You are Blessed to Be a Blessing to Others”**

- a. You must live life with purpose
- b. You must live life with eternity in view (***things happen in life that are really temporary... they pale in comparison to eternity***)

Why do we experience God’s blessings?

- **To be a blessing**
- **To help others other (ministry of reconciliation)**

Proverbs 10:22 NLT – *The blessing of the Lord makes rich, and he adds no sorrow with it.*

- Life itself brings many sorrows
- God’s blessings adds no sorrow if its put in proper perspective and used for the right purpose.

Conclusion:

BIG IDEA: HE ALWAYS BRINGS YOU OUT FOR HIS GLORY!