RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD IN SONG "I Love To Tell The Story"

I love to tell the story of unseen things above, Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love; I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true, It satisfies my longings as nothing else would do. (Refrain)

I love to tell the story, 'Twill be my theme in glory, To tell the old, old story Of Jesus and His love.

I love to tell the story, more wonderful it seems
Than all the golden fancies of all our golden dreams;
I love to tell the story, it did so much for me,
And that is just the reason I tell it now to thee. (Refrain)

I love to tell the story, 'tis pleasant to repeat,
What seems each time I tell it more wonderfully sweet;
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
The message of salvation from God's own holy Word. (Refrain)

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COMMISSION AND BLESSING

SUNG RESPONSE

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks" #106 Refrain, vs. 2, and Refrain
Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name
Spread the good news o'er all the earth: Jesus has died and has risen.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name

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GREETINGS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRAYER

FIRST THOUGHTS John 15:4-8 p. 1,677 "An Invitation to Abide"

PRAISING OUR GOD IN SONG "Knowing You"

All I once held dear, built my life upon All this world reveres, and wars to own All I once thought gain I have counted loss Spent and worthless now, compared to this,

(Chorus) Knowing you, Jesus knowing you There is no greater thing You're my all you're the best You're my joy, my righteousness And I love you, Lord

Now my heart's desire is to know you more To be found in you, and known as yours To possess by faith what I could not earn All surpassing gift of righteousness, (Chorus)

Oh to know the power of your risen life And to know you in your suffering To become like you in your death my Lord So with You to live And never die, (Chorus)

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PASSING OF THE PEACE
(L) The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all
(R) And also with you.

Professing Our Faith (Apostles' Creed)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, one holy universal Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

FURTHER THOUGHTS 1 John 4:10-18 p.1902

(L) The word of the Lord. (R) Thanks be to God.

"Three Ways to Abide"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD IN SONG "Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord" #392

Take thou our minds, dear Lord, we humbly pray; give us the mind of Christ each passing day; teach us to know the truth that sets us free; grant us in all our thoughts to honor thee.

Take thou our hearts, O Christ; they are thine own; come thou within our souls and claim thy throne; help us to shed abroad thy deathless love; use us to make the earth like heaven above.

Take thou our wills, Most High! Hold thou full sway; have in our inmost souls thy perfect way; guard thou each sacred hour from selfish ease; guide thou our ordered lives as thou dost please. Take thou ourselves, O Lord, heart, mind, and will; through our surrendered souls thy plans fulfill. We yield ourselves to thee: time, talents, all; we hear, and henceforth heed, thy sovereign call.

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PRAYER REPENTANCE

God of grace and glory, we thank you that through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ we have been forgiven our sins; past, present, and future. We rejoice in knowing that through the gift of faith we are a new creation in Christ! We admit however, that we have not lived fully into who you have created and redeemed us to be. We do not always love you with our whole heart, mind, and strength. We can find it difficult to treat our neighbors and ourselves with the same forgiveness, mercy, and grace which you shower upon us. We ask that by the power of your Spirit, we would be transformed, so we may fully delight in your will and walk in your light, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE

"Thine Is the Glory" #122 vs. 2 & Refrain
Lo! Jesus meets us, Risen from the tomb;
Lovingly He greets us, Scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness Hymns of triumph sing,
For the Lord now liveth; Death hath lost its sting.
Thine is the glory, Risen, conquering Son;

Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.

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OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

FINAL THOUGHTS Acts 8:26-35 p. 1,705 "Running Along Side"