

Largs Church of the Nazarene

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1 Thessalonians 5

16 Rejoice always (*pantote*), 17 pray without ceasing (*adialeiptōs*), 18 give thanks in all circumstances (*en panti*); for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Matthew 6

5 "And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. . . ."

7 "When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. 8 Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him."

Victory in Jesus

EM Bartlett

I heard an old, old story,
How a Saviour came from glory
How He gave His life on Calvary
To save a wretch like me
I heard about His groaning,
Of His precious blood's atoning
Then I repented of my sins
And won the victory

Chorus: Oh, victory in Jesus,
My Saviour forever
He sought me and bought me
With His redeeming blood
He loved me 'ere I knew Him
And all my love is due Him
He plunged me to victory
Beneath the cleansing flood

I heard about His healing,
Of His cleansing power revealing
How He made the lame to walk again
And caused the blind to see
And then I cried, "Dear Jesus,
Come and heal my broken spirit"
And somehow Jesus came and brought
To me the victory

And I heard about a mansion
He has built for me in glory
And I heard about the streets of gold
Beyond the crystal sea,
About the angels singing
And the old redemption story
And some sweet day I'll sing up there
The song of victory!

He Touched Me*

William J. Gaither

Shackled by a heavy burden
'Neath a load of guilt and shame
Then the hand of Jesus touched me
And now I am no longer the same

Chorus: He touched me
Oh He touched me
And oh the joy that floods my soul
Something happened and now I know
He touched me and made me whole

Since I met this blessed Saviour
Since He cleansed and made me whole
I will never cease to praise Him
I'll shout it while eternity rolls

Holy Ground†

Geron Davis

Chorus: We are standing on holy ground
And I know that there are angels all around
Let us praise Jesus now
We are standing in His presence on holy ground

Mind the Gaps (1 Thessalonians 5)

- **Gaps in connectivity hinder the ability to communicate.**
 - *a-dia-leiptōs*: nothing left between, without gaps
 - Mind the gaps

- **Mind the gaps: fill them with *words* (active prayer)**
 - Your words

- **Our words**
 - **Matthew 6: participate, don't pontificate**

- **Their words**
 - *Shema* and *V'ahavta*, the Lord's Prayer, Psalms, Prayer of St Francis. . .

- **Mind the gaps: fill them with *silence***
 - "Passive prayer" but active listening
 - **Acts 16**
 - 6 Paul and his companions traveled throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia, **having been kept by the Holy Spirit** from preaching the word in the province of Asia. 7 When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, **but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to**. 8 So they passed by Mysia and went down to Troas. 9 During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia

standing and begging him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." 10 After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

- **Rejoice (*always*), pray (*without ceasing*), and give thanks (*in all circumstances*).**
 - **Philippians 4**
 - 12 I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in want. 13 I can do all this through him who gives me strength.
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Doxology

Thomas Ken

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

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