



Homemade

Scripture Songs Collection

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These songs are useful to accompany teachings on the subjects; to make the main ideas easier to remember than forget. They could be sung by adults or kids. Some you'll find other places. Some have never been in print before. "Faint Not", for instance, was written for this project, and I just love it. I've been singing it all week. It's said the way to make a song a kid's favorite is to sing it over and over. Works for me!

The type setting was done using Finale. At this time sketch recordings have been made for an accompanying CD. If you miss the CD, look for MP3 files to show up on www.MusicMinister.net.

I hope these songs will inspire you to write some of your own. For a "scripture song", start with one verse, or one idea from the Bible you'd like help remembering. Jot down the verse or idea. Use paper and pencil in this phase, not a computer, so your ideas don't get "back-spaced over" and lost. You'll be pleasantly surprised how many ideas you end up using elsewhere in the song, or even in another song. Then whittle away at "word smithing" until you begin to form rhythms and patterns. Don't hesitate to rewrite. The end might be quite different from the beginning.

The melody can grow out of the lyrics if you will just say them and pay attention to ebbs and flows and highs and lows. Capture your lyrics on paper, and sing your melody into a recorder.

You might want to bring in a friend or two to help with ideas and to contribute skills you might not have. Maybe you are good with words and another is good with melodies and chords. Maybe someone else can do the typesetting or help with recording.

A song starts as a thought, benefits from cultivation and tinkering, and finally comes to life when you sing it. Some songs will never go any farther than to delight you. Many songs will bless others. Some, a LOT of others. The sermon and the song --- bring them to life!

Write on! God bless you lots. -----Dale Reichel, April 6, 2011

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Lyrics

Communion Song

1.) Back in Egypt the Lord told Moses
Every household should take to them a lamb,
strike its blood upon the door posts,
and eat it, staff in hand, while they stand.

CHORUS:

By his shed blood we are forgiven.
By his broken body we are healed,
and with God all things are possible.
Remember, be forgiven
Remember, be forgiven
Be forgiven and be healed!

2.) Those that did what the Lord told Moses
Saw deliverance and worshipped the Lord.
Today we remember with bread and wine,
Continuing in prayer with one accord.

More Blessed To Give Than Receive

'Tis more blessed to give than receive
And when I give I just believe
That when I share what's in my cup
God will always fill it up
'Tis more blessed to give than receive

Surely Goodness and Mercy Shall Follow Me

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
All the days, all the days of my life.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
All the days, all the days of my life.
I will live in the house of the LORD forever
And I'll sit at the table set for me.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
All the days, all the days of my life.

In Thee Do I Trust

Cause me to hear thy loving kindness in the morning
In thee do I trust, in thee do I trust
Cause me to know the way wherein I should walk
And I lift up my soul unto thee
In thee do I trust, in thee do I trust
For ev'ryone that's ever come along
You're the only one that's never done me wrong
Cause me to hear your loving kindness in the morning
In thee do I trust

1) Sometimes I was happy, sometimes I was sad
Flipping in and out of ev'ry boogie-trippin' fad
Sometimes high and sometimes low,
I never knew which way to go
But now I know you're the one to follow

2) From darkness all around me, you drew me into light
You healed my heart and set me free
And clothed me with your might
Your word is now my guidance and I know just where to go
Yes I know, you're the one to follow

New Testament Books

Matthew, Mark, Luke and John,
Acts and the letter to the Romans,
First and Second Corinthians, Galatians and Ephesians,
Philippians, Colossians, First and Second Thessalonians,
First and Second Timothy, Titus and Philemon,
Hebrews, James, First and Second Peter,
First and Second and Third John, Jude and Revelation.

Psalm 100

1.) Make a joyful noise unto the LORD,
All ye all ye lands.
Serve the LORD, the LORD with gladness:
Come before His presence with singing.

CHORUS:

Praise God, Hallelujah, glory hallelujah
Praise God, Hallelujah, glory hallelujah
Praise God, Hallelujah, glory hallelujah
Praise God, Hallelujah, glory hallelujah
Praise God

2.) Know ye that the LORD He is God:
It is He that hath made us,
And not we ourselves;
We are His people, and the sheep of His pasture. [CHORUS]
3.) Enter into His gates with thanksgiving,
And into His courts with praise:
Be thankful unto Him, and bless, bless His name. [CHORUS]
4.) For the LORD, the Lord He is good;
His mercy is everlasting;
And his truth, His truth endureth
To all, to all generations. [CHORUS]

I'm Here To Tell You

CHORUS: Are you tired of messing around?
Are you looking for higher ground?
Are you ready to hear God's Word?
I'm here to tell you.

1.) King Jehosaphat went to King Ahab's door
Ahab took him in and said "Care to join my war?"
He answered, "It's true I'm just like you,
But shouldn't we ask the Lord what's the right thing to do?"
2.) So Ahab called his prophets, 400 of them
He said, "I'd like to go to war (you got) any problem?"
The prophets all said, "Go get 'em, O King,
And watch the victory God will bring!"
3.) Jehosaphat was troubled by their word. He asked,
"Don't you have a single prophet of the Lord?"
Ahab said, "Yeh, I do have one,
But I hate him cuz he thinks I'm a sonofagun."
4.) When they called the prophet they said, "Watch what
you say
Don't make the king mad, don't ruin his day."
But Micaiah said, "If you want God's Word
I'm here to tell you." [CHORUS]
5.) Jesus said to the Sadducees, "I think it is odd
You don't know the Scriptures or the power of God.
That's why you're wrong, but if you want what's true,
I'm here to tell you." [CHORUS]
6.) On Pentecost the Church got its start
When some heard they'd killed the Savior it tore their hearts
When they asked, "What shall we do?" Peter said,
"I'm here to tell you." [CHORUS]
7.) Through the pages of the Bible many did stand tall.
One of the greats was the Apostle Paul.
To those who wanted to know what's true, Paul said,
"I'm here to tell you." [CHORUS]
8.) Today there are many who have not heard
Of the goodness of God, and of His wonderful Word.
If you want to hear what God's done for you
I'm here to tell you. [CHORUS]
Are you ready to abound?
Are you ready to walk on higher ground?
Are you ready to hear God's Word? I'm here to tell you.

Christ Will Come Again

1.) It is not our job to change this old world.
Can't be done, mockers will remain.
It is ours to share Christ is coming
God will take out a people for His name

CHORUS:

Christ will come again, Christ will come again
He's coming, shout out and proclaim
Christ will come again, he is coming
God will take out a people for His name.

2.) It is not for us to know times or seasons
Which the Father has put in His own power
But we cherish hope with good reason
Though we do not know the minute or the hour

CHORUS:

Christ will come again, Christ will come again
He's coming, death will fin'lly end
Christ will come again, he is coming
While we can, while it's day, go tell a friend that
Christ will come again, Christ will come again
He's coming, life will never end
Christ will come again, he is coming
While we can, while it's day, go tell a friend that

Peanut Butter Song

Well God must have had a good time watching over me
Slippin' and slidin' all through my life
I must have been a sight to see
I never knew which way to turn from one day to the next
But, oh Lord! You took good care of me.

CHORUS:

You took good care of me
I shudder when I think of where I might be
You called every woman and man
but some never answered up
But, oh Lord! You took good care of me.

Folks talk about the good ol' days, I guess I had a few.
I lived on water and air for a month and peanut butter, too.
I must have learned to fix peanut butter
in at least a hundred ways
But, oh Lord! You took good care of me.

It's Not By Works

I thought workin' nine to seven
Would get me into heaven
and going to church ev'ry mornin' noon and night.
I didn't have any doubts but pretty soon I found out
That I was wrong but the Word of God is right.
It's the same old story day by day I'm talkin' about life
And thinkin' you're doin' right when you're doin' wrong.
Ah, but I thank God for what I heard
'cause someone took the time and shared the Word
And now within my heart lies this new song:
That it's not by works lest any man should boast
It's by the grace of God
That it's not by works lest any man should boast
It's by the grace, it's by the grace,
by the wonderful matchless saving grace of God.

Colossians 3 Song

(Sing With Grace In Your Heart To The Lord)

1.) You are risen with Christ so seek those things above
Where Christ sits on the right hand of our Father.
Set your heart on things above with him
You're complete, no need to look for something other.

CHORUS:

Let the word of Christ richly dwell in you brother
In all wisdom teach and encourage each other.
In Psalms and hymns and spiritual songs
Sing with grace in your heart to the Lord.

2.) When Christ who is our life shall appear
Then you too shall appear with him in glory.
Put old things off, put on the new,
Put on kindness, humbleness and mercy. [CHORUS]

3.) Above all things put on the love of God
For His love is the bond of perfection.
Let the peace of God rule in your heart
and be thankful knowing you are God's election.
[CHORUS]

4.) Whatever you do in word or deed
Do all in the name of the Lord Jesus.
Give thanks to God the Father by him
And pray, always knowing that God hears us. [CHORUS]

Faint Not (I Kings 19)

1) Elijah was strong, his days seemed long
While he stood for God and did what he should.
King Ahab was mean, and so was his queen,
They said they'd get rid of Elijah for good.
Elijah was tired and things looked rough.
He fled to the woods and hid under a tree.
He cried "Oh Lord, I've had enough,
I quit, I'm through, it's the end of me!"
Faint not! Faint not!
Faint not when you're weary!
Elijah got weary, and I do too
Faint not! Faint not!
God sees and remembers
God sees and remembers the things that we do.

2) Elijah slept soundly, the ground his bed
But an angel beckoned, "Rise up and eat"
And water and food were there by his head.
Elijah ate well and then went back to sleep.
The angel awoke him a second time
"Arise now, and eat, you've much travel to do"
Elijah rose, and started to climb,
And God was faithful to help him through.
Faint not! Faint not!
I know God refreshes,
I'll reap in due season I'll reap when it's time
Faint not! Faint not!
Be faithful, be patient,
Be fearless be loving, oh heart of mine.

With God All Things Are Possible

(Communion Song)

Dale Reichel

1. Back in E-gypt the Lord told Mo-ses Ev-ery house-hold should take to them a
2. Those that did what the Lord told Mo-ses saw de-live-rence and wor-shipped the

4 lamb, strike its blood u-pon the door posts, and eat it, staff in hand, while they
Lord. To-day we re-mem-ber with bread and wine, con-tin-u-ing in prayer-with-one ae-

8 stand. cord. By his shed blood we are for-giv-en. By his bro-ken bo-dy we are

12 healed, and with God all things are poss-i-ble. Re-mem-ber be for-

16 giv-en Re-mem-ber, be for-giv-en be for-giv-en and be healed!

Psalm 100

arranged by Dale Reichel

1). Make a joy ful noise un to the LORD, all ye all

ye lands. Serve the LORD, the LORD with glad ness: come be fore His

pres ence with sing ing. Praise God Hal le - lu - jah, glo - ry ha - lle - lu - jah Praise

God Hal - le - lu - jah, glo - ry ha - lle - lu - jah Praise God Hal - le - lu - jah, glo - ry ha - lle - lu - jah Praise

God Hal - le - lu - jah, glo - ry ha - lle - lu - jah Praise God

Psalm 100

CHORUS:

Praise God _____
Hallelujah, glory hallelujah
Praise God _____
Hallelujah, glory hallelujah
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Hallelujah, glory hallelujah
Praise God _____
Hallelujah, glory hallelujah
Praise God _____

1). Make a joyful noise unto the LORD,
All ye all ye lands.
Serve the LORD, the LORD with gladness:
Come before His presence with singing.
[CHORUS]

2) Know ye that the LORD He is God:
It is He that hath made us,
And not we ourselves;
We are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.
[CHORUS]

3) Enter into His gates with thanksgiving,
And into His courts with praise:
Be thankful unto Him, and bless, bless His name.
[CHORUS]

4) For the LORD, the Lord He is good;
His mercy is everlasting;
And his truth, His truth endureth
To all, to all generations.
[CHORUS]

More Blessed To Give Than Receive

Acts 20:35

Dale Reichel

C F C

'Tis more bless-ed to give than re - ceive And when I

F C

give I just be - lieve That when I

Em Am G F

share what's in my cup God will al - ways fill it up 'Tis more

C G C

bless - ed to give than re - ceive

Surely Goodness and Mercy Shall Follow Me

Psalm 23:5,6

arranged by Dale Reichel

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 3/8 time. It consists of five systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'Sure-ly good - ness and mer - cy shall fol - low me all the days all the days of my life. Sure-ly good - ness and mer - cy shall fol - low me all the days all the days of my life. I will live in the house of the LORD for - ev - er and I'll sit at the ta - ble set for me. Sure - ly good - ness and mer - cy shall fol - low me all the days all the days of my life.' The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords in the right hand. Chord symbols are placed above the staff: D, A7, D, A7, D, G, D, G, D, G, E, A, A7, D, A, A7, D.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
All the days, all the days of my life.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
All the days, all the days of my life.
I will live in the house of the LORD forever
And I'll sit at the table set for me.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
All the days, all the days of my life.

New Testament Books

arranged by Dale Reichel

Mat-thew, Mark, Luke and John, Acts and the let-ter to the Ro - mans,

5 First and Sec-ond Cor - inth - i - ans, Gal - a - tians and E - phe - sians, Phil - ip - pi - ans, Col-

10 os - si - ans, First and Sec-ond Thess-a - lon - i - ans, First and Sec-ond Tim-oth - y,

15 Ti - tus and Phi - le - mon, Heb - rews, James, — First and Sec-ond Pe - ter,

21 First and Sec-ond and Third John, Jude and Re - ve - la - tion.

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Faint Not

I Kings 19

Dale Reichel

C F G7 C F G

E - li - jah was strong, his days seemed long while he stood for God and did what he
 E - li - jah slept soundly, the ground his bed but an an - gel beck - oned rise up and

8 C F G C F G7

should King A - hab was mean, and so was his queen, They said they'd get rid of E - li - jah for
 eat" and wa - ter and food were there by his head. E - li - jah ate well and then went back to

16 C F G C F C

good. E - li - jah was tir - ed and things looked rough He fled to the woods and hid un - der a
 sleep. The an - gel a - woke him a sec - ond time "A - rise now, and eat, you've much tra - vel to

24 G C F G Am C G7 C

tree He cried "Oh Lord, I've had e - nough, I quit, I'm through, it's the end of me!" Faint
 do" E - li - jah rose, and started to climb, And God was - faith - ful to help him through. Faint

33 F C F C Am G7

not! Faint not! Faint not when you're wea - ry! E - li - jah got wea - ry, and I do too Faint
 not! Faint not! I know God re - fresh - es, I'll reap in due sea - son I'll reap when it's time Faint

41 C F G Am F C G7 C

not! Faint not! God sees and re - mem - bers God sees and re - mem - bers the things that we do.
 not! Faint not! Be faith - ful, be pa - tient, Be fear - less be lov - ing, oh heart of mine.

And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. Galatians 6:9

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Christ Will Come Again

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C Am7 F Dmin7 F/C

1. It is not our job to change this old world. Can't be done. _____ mock-ers will re -
 2. It is not for us to know times or sea-sons Which the Fa - ther has put in His own

4 G/B G F G7 Em F C F G7

main. It is ours to share Christ is com-ing God will take_ out a peo-ple for His
 power But we cher - ish hope with good rea-son Though we not do know the min-ute or the

8 C F G Amin F C C F G C C/E F

name Christ will come a - gain, Christ will come a - gain He's com-ing, shout out and pro -
 hour Christ will come a - gain, Christ will come a - gain He's com-ing, death will fin' - ly
 (Last time:) that Christ will come a - gain, Christ will come a - gain He's com-ing, life will ne - ver

12 G C/E F C F C Am7 F G7 C

claim Christ will come a - gain, he is com-ing God will take out a peo-ple for His name.
 end Christ will come a - gain, he is com-ing While we can, while it's day, go tell a friend. (To last time)
 end Christ will come a - gain, he is com-ing While we can, while it's day, go tell a friend

No, dear friends, there can be no paralyzing of missionary effort when its very key note is, "I must work while it is day for the night cometh when no man can work".

On the contrary, the doctrine of the Lord's speedy coming puts all work in its right place. It tells us that the great object of the preaching of the Gospel is not the conversion of the world, which would put off that coming to an indefinite day, or for a thousand years at least. The professing church has told the world that its mission is to convert it, but she deceives the world. The world can turn around and taunt her with her failure, while it can point to the awful fact that it is fast converting the professing church to its own worldliness.

It all depends, however, on what the Gospel was sent and meant to do. If the Gospel was meant to convert the world, it will be a failure if this is not done. But if the Gospel was meant "to take out ... a people for his name [Acts 15:14]," then it is not a failure, for this is being done. If it was sent that God might in mercy "save some," then it is not a failure.

(E.W. Bullinger, "Ten Sermons on the Second Advent" chapter 6 "The Church's Motive for Service")

I'm Here To Tell You

Dale Reichel

Chorus

Chorus

Are you tired _____ of mess ing a round? Are you look ing for
 high er ground? Are you rea dy to hear God's Word? ____ I'm here to tell you.

Verse

1).King Je hos a phat went to King A hab's____ door A hab took him in and said "Care to
 join my war?" He an swered, "It's true I'm just like you, But
 shouldn't we ask the Lord what's the right thing to do?"

I Kings 22; Mark 12:18-27; Acts 2; I Thessalonians 2:13

CHORUS:

Are you tired of messing around?
 Are you looking for higher ground?
 Are you ready to hear God's Word?
 I'm here to tell you.

1) King Jehosaphat went to King Ahab's door
 Ahab took him in and said "Care to join my war?"
 He answered, "It's true I'm just like you,
 But shouldn't we ask the Lord what's the right thing to do?"

2) So Ahab called his prophets, 400 of them
 He said, "I'd like to go to war (you got) any prob-lem?"
 The prophets all said, "Go get 'em, O King,
 And watch the victory God will bring!"

3) Jehosaphat was troubled by their word. He asked,
 "Don't you have a single prophet of the Lord?"
 Ahab said, "Yeh, I do have one,
 But I hate him cuz he thinks I'm a son-of-a-gun."

4) When they called the prophet they said, "Watch what you say
 Don't make the king mad, don't ruin his day."
 But Micaiah said, "If you want God's Word
 I'm here to tell you." **CHORUS**

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5) Jesus said to the Sadducees, "I think it is odd
 You don't know the Scriptures or the power of God.
 That's why you're wrong, but if you want what's true,
 I'm here to tell you." **CHORUS**

6) On Pentecost the Church got its start
 When some heard they'd killed the Savior it tore their hearts
 When they asked, "What shall we do?" Peter said,
 "I'm here to tell you." **CHORUS**

7) Through the pages of the Bible many did stand tall.
 One of the greats was the Apostle Paul.
 To those who wanted to know what's true, Paul said,
 "I'm here to tell you." **CHORUS**

8) Today there are many who have not heard
 Of the goodness of God, and of His wonderful Word.
 If you want to hear what God's done for you
 I'm here to tell you.

CHORUS (last time):

Are you tired of messing around?
 Are you looking for higher ground?
 Are you ready to hear God's Word?
 I'm here to tell you.
 Are you ready to abound
 Are you ready to walk on higher ground
 Are you ready to hear God's Word?
 I'm here to tell you.

In Thee Do I Trust

Psalm 143:8

Anne Stoutenburg and Dale Reichel

G C G D

Cause me to hear thy lov-ing kind-ness in the morn-ing In thee do I trust, in

7 C G C G D

thee do I trust Cause me to know the way where - in I should walk And I lift up my

14 G C G

[Bridge first and third times only . . . second time go to verse 2]

soul un - to thee _____ In thee do I trust, in thee do I trust For

21 A7 D G

ev - 'ry - one that's ev - er come a - long You're the on - ly one that's nev - er done me wrong Cause me to

26 C G D G

[Last time to CODA]

hear your lov-ing kind-ness in the morn-ing In thee _____ do I trust _____ 2. From

33 G Em D

1. Some-times I was hap - py, _____ some-times I was sad
dark - ness all a - round me, you drew me in - to light You Flip - ping in and out of ev - 'ry
set me free and

39 C G Em

boo - gie trip - pin' fad might Some-times high and some-times low, I nev - er knew which way to go But
clothed me with your might Your word is now my guid - ance and I know just where to go Yes I

45 D Cmaj7 D G

now I know you're the one to fol-low _____ so In thee _____ do I trust _____

53 D Em C G

In thee _____ do I trust _____

Colossians 3 Song

Sing With Grace In Your Heart To The Lord

Dale and Cathy Reichel

The musical score is written for guitar and voice. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a guitar accompaniment line. The chords are indicated above the notes. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

System 1: Chords: G, C, Am, Dm, G. Lyrics: 1. You are ri - sen with Christ so seek those things a - bove Where 2. When Christ who with is our life shall ap - pear Then you 3. A - - - bove all things put on the love of God For His 4. What ev - er you do in word or deed Do

System 2: Chords: C, Dm, G, C, Am. Lyrics: Christ sits on the right hand of our Fa - ther. Put Set your heart on too shall ap - pear with him in glo - ry. off, put love is the bond of per - fec - tion. Let the peace of God all in the name of the Lord Je - sus. Give thanks to God the

System 3: Chords: Dm, G, C, G7, C. Lyrics: things a - bove with him You're com - plete, no need to look for some - thing oth - er. on the new, Put on kind - ness, hum - ble - ness and mer - cy. rule in your heart and be thank - ful know - ing you are God's e - lec - tion. Fa - ther by him And pray al - ways, know - ing that God hears us.

System 4: Chords: C, Am, F, G, C, Am. Lyrics: **Chorus** Let the word of Christ rich - ly dwell in you broth - er In all wis - dom teach and en -

System 5: Chords: F, G, C, Am, G, F, F, G, Am, G, C. Lyrics: cour - age each oth - er. In Psalms and hymns and spir - it - ual songs Sing with grace in your heart to the Lord.

Colossians 2:10; 3:1,2,12,15,16

1.) You are risen with Christ so seek those things above
Where Christ sits on the right hand of our Father.
Set your heart on things above with him
You're complete, no need to look for something other.

CHORUS:

Let the word of Christ richly dwell in you brother
In all wisdom teach and encourage each other.
In Psalms and hymns and spiritual songs
Sing with grace in your heart to the Lord.

2.) When Christ who is our life shall appear
Then you too shall appear with him in glory.
Put old things off, put on the new,
Put on kindness, humbleness and mercy. [CHORUS]

3.) Above all things put on the love of God
For His love is the bond of perfection.
Let the peace of God rule in your heart
and be thankful knowing you are God's election. [CHORUS]

4.) Whatever you do in word or deed
Do all in the name of the Lord Jesus.
Give thanks to God the Father by him
And pray, always knowing that God hears us. [CHORUS]

You Took Good Care of Me

The Peanut Butter Song

Alan Josephson
arranged by: Dale Reichel

1. God must have had a good time _____ watch-ing o - ver me _____
2. Folks talk a - bout the good old days I guess I had a few _____ I

5 slip - pin' and slid - in' all through my _____ life I must have been a sight to
lived _____ on wa - ter and air for a month and pea - nut _____ but - ter

8 see too ne - ver knew _____ which way to turn _____ from one day to the
I _____ learned to fix pea - nut but - ter in at least a hun - dred

12 next ways but oh Lord! You took good care of me You
but oh Lord! You took good care of me

17 took good care of me Well I shud - der when I think of

22 where I might be You called ev - 'ry wo - man and man but

27 some ne - ver an - swered up but oh Lord! You took good care of me!

Not By Works

Alan Josephson
arr. by Dale Reichel

D Em A

I thought work-in' nine to se-ven would get me in - to hea-ven and

5 Em A D

going to church ev-'ry morn-in' noon and night. I didn't have a-ny

10 Em A Em A

doubts but pret-ty soon I found out that I was wrong but the Word of God is

15 D Bm F#m G

right. It's the same old sto - ry day by day I'm talk-in' a - bout

20 D E A

life and think-in' you're do-in' right when you're do-in' wrong. Ah, but

25 Em A D Bm

I thank God for what I heard 'cause some-one took the time and shared the Word and

29 E A Em

now with - in my heart lies this new song: That it's not by

34 A D G A D

works lest an-y man should boast It's by the grace of God

40 G A D G

That it's not by works lest a-ny man should boast It's by the

46 A G A Em A D

grace, it's by the grace, by the won-der-ful match-less sav-ing grace of God.