

Something to Brag About!

^{GWN} **Romans 5:1** *Now that we have God's approval by faith, we have peace with God because of what our Lord Jesus Christ has done.*

2 Through Christ we can approach God and stand in his favor. So we brag because of our confidence that we will receive glory from God.

3 But that's not all. We also brag when we are suffering. We know that suffering creates endurance,

4 endurance creates character, and character creates confidence.

The King James Version of verse 2 says ... “we rejoice in hope of the glory”

And verse 3 says “we glory in tribulation”!

Even in our beloved sports we brag about who's the greatest by who they beat and the opposition they faced to win!

Everybody loves an [underdog story](#), someone who looked like they had no chance yet came from behind and got the victory!

I'm afraid many in the church today don't want to face trouble, only blessings!

John 16:33 *In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.*

For the child of God **pressure, afflictions and distress** are a [part of our faith journey](#).

[Everybody's going through something whether saved or not, the question is how do we handle it!](#)

The difference is as believers we understand that our troubles do not change our position in Christ and the favor we have with the Father!

This is [why we gather](#) together for public worship—to **brag** about what we overcame by the Blood of the Lamb!

This is what makes our praise so powerful, when we use it to brag on God!

Psalm 34:1 David said: *I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.*

2 My soul shall make her boast in the LORD: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.

3 O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.

David says I will make it my business to [bless \(salute, praise & honor\)](#) The LORD

Especially when time to praise Him—**because praising God is bragging on God.**

^{NIV} Psalm 100:1 A psalm. For giving grateful praise. Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

2 Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

3 Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!

David says we are to **brag about what God is doing in our lives!**

We brag about everything else.

What Christ has done in our lives is **SOMETHING TO BRAG ABOUT!**

ESPECIALLY when we're going through!

When the apostle Paul had a **thorn in his flesh**, a messenger from Satan that tormented him during his ministry.

Paul asked God 3 times to remove it and all God said was “***My Grace is all you need, My power is strongest when you're weak.***”

So Paul says I will brag even more about my weaknesses so Christ's power can rest upon me!

James 5:13 If any of you are having trouble, pray (face God and praise/worship).

Psalm 40:1 For the director of music a psalm Of David. I waited patiently for the LORD; he turned to me and heard my cry.

2 He pulled me out of a horrible pit, out of the mud and clay. He set my feet on a rock and made my steps secure.

3 He placed a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see this and worship. They will trust the LORD.

4 Blessed is the person who places his confidence in the LORD and does not rely on arrogant people or those who follow lies.

Bragging (**praising**) on God gives us **NEW** confidence!

Like **Romans 5** it reminds us we have God's approval!

Because of The Finished Work of Christ, we **stand in His favor!**