



**Sunday July 14, 2019**  
**Mourning Into Dancing**

**2 Samuel 5:9-12**

**9** Then David dwelt in the stronghold, and called it the City of David. And David built all around from the Millo and inward.

**10** So David went on and became great, and the LORD God of hosts was with him.

**11** Then Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and cedar trees, and carpenters and masons. And they built David a house.

**12** So David knew that the LORD had established him as king over Israel, and that He had exalted His kingdom for the sake of His people Israel.

Psalm 30

A Psalm. A Song At the Dedication of the House of David.

Psalm 30 was a song David wrote at the dedication of his new house, as king.

**Psalm 30:1-12**

**1** I will extol You, O LORD, for You have lifted me up, And have not let my foes rejoice over me.

**2** O LORD my God, I cried out to You, And You healed me.

**3** O LORD, You brought my soul up from the grave; You have kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit.

**4** Sing praise to the LORD, you saints of His, And give thanks at the remembrance of His holy name.

**5** For His anger is but for a moment, His favor is for life; Weeping may endure for a night, But joy comes in the morning.

**6** Now in my prosperity I said, "I shall never be moved."

**7** LORD, by Your favor You have made my mountain stand strong; You hid Your face, and I was troubled.

**8** I cried out to You, O LORD; And to the LORD I made supplication:

**9** "What profit is there in my blood, When I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise You? Will it declare Your truth?"

**10** Hear, O LORD, and have mercy on me; LORD, be my helper!"

**11** You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; You have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness,

**12** To the end that my glory may sing praise to You and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to You forever.

Imagine how David must have felt.

He had grown up in probably a small home, the youngest son of his father. David was in charge of the sheep. He then spent many years living the life of a fugitive living in caves, running from



king Saul. He had no home of his own. And probably, after about 10 years living as a homeless person, he was made king of Judah and then king of Israel, and now has his own palatial home.

He give thanks to God for lifting him up, for preserving his life.

We are familiar with these verses:

**5 For His anger is but for a moment, His favor is for life; Weeping may endure for a night, But joy comes in the morning.**

**11 You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; You have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness,**

This is the God we serve.

The God who causes "the morning" to dawn on our lives, bringing joy.

The God who turns our mourning into dancing, our weeping into gladness.

This is a simple message of hope and assurance.

No matter what your situation is, there is a God in heaven who can turn things around for good.

Here is another Psalm of David:

**Psalm 40:1-5**

**1 I waited patiently for the LORD; And He inclined to me, And heard my cry.**

**2 He also brought me up out of a horrible pit, Out of the miry clay, And set my feet upon a rock, And established my steps.**

**3 He has put a new song in my mouth—Praise to our God; Many will see it and fear, And will trust in the LORD.**

**4 Blessed is that man who makes the LORD his trust, And does not respect the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.**

**5 Many, O LORD my God, are Your wonderful works Which You have done; And Your thoughts toward us Cannot be recounted to You in order; If I would declare and speak of them, They are more than can be numbered.**

Some of us may find ourselves in a "horrible pit" and sinking in "miry clay" without a firm footing.

This could be different for different people.

A horrible pit, the miry clay could be - sickness, family problems, financial difficulties, situations in the workplace, job situation, legal challenges, many other situations.

Perhaps all of us, may have at one point or another in our lives, struggled in a "horrible pit" and the "miry clay" situation.

The good news is that God is able to bring us out of it, and set our feet upon solid ground.

He will establish our steps.

He will put a new song in our mouths.



People will see this and turn to trust in our Lord!

God is able to intervene in your life situation and turn things around.

The same Holy Spirit who moved upon the face of the waters, when the earth was without form with darkness all around - and then cause things to change on the earth - He is here!

Here is what Isaiah said, the Spirit of God, the anointing, would do:

**Isaiah 61:1-7**

**1 "The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, Because the LORD has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound;**

**2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, And the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn,**

**3 To console those who mourn in Zion, To give them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning, The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called trees of righteousness, The planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified."**

**4 And they shall rebuild the old ruins, They shall raise up the former desolations, And they shall repair the ruined cities, The desolations of many generations.**

**5 Strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, And the sons of the foreigner Shall be your plowmen and your vinedressers.**

**6 But you shall be named the priests of the LORD, They shall call you the servants of our God. You shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, And in their glory you shall boast.**

**7 Instead of your shame you shall have double honor, And instead of confusion they shall rejoice in their portion. Therefore in their land they shall possess double; Everlasting joy shall be theirs.**

Notice all that the Holy Spirit will do....including:

beauty for ashes

joy for mourning

praise for heaviness (or depression, sadness)

double honor for shame

rejoicing for confusion

God by His Spirit will do this for you.

Joseph, in the Bible knew what he was talking about.

**Genesis 41:51-52**

**51 Joseph called the name of the firstborn Manasseh: "For God has made me forget all my toil and all my father's house."**

**52 And the name of the second he called Ephraim: "For God has caused me to be fruitful in the land of my affliction."**



Job went through, a year of unexplainable hardship and shame. But he found out that God had not abandoned him.

**Job 42:10-12**

**10 And the LORD restored Job's losses when he prayed for his friends. Indeed the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before.**

**11 Then all his brothers, all his sisters, and all those who had been his acquaintances before, came to him and ate food with him in his house;...**

**12 Now the LORD blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; ...**

**James 5:11**

**Indeed we count them blessed who endure. You have heard of the perseverance of Job and seen the end intended by the Lord—that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful.**

Today, by the power of the Holy Spirit, we are declaring over you a turn around,  
a turning of your mourning into dancing  
a turning of your weeping into gladness

We declare a lifting up out of your horrible pit, out of your miry clay  
We declare that God puts you on solid ground, establishes your steps and gives you a new song,  
which many will see and put their trust in God.

We declare that the power of the Holy Spirit, brings for you  
beauty for ashes  
joy for mourning  
praise for heaviness (or depression, sadness)  
double honor for shame  
rejoicing for confusion  
fruitfulness for all your hardships, labor and toil  
double measure for all you have lost

Believe God today!  
Stand patient in faith. The Lord is compassionate and merciful!  
God will come through for you!

MINISTRY TIME | SALVATION CALL



LIFE GROUP STUDY GUIDE

**Sunday July 14, 2019**  
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This is a simple guide for use in Life Group discussions. Our objective is to focus on the application of the Sunday sermon - how each one is becoming a doer of the Word and building their life on God's Holy Word. The Life Group meeting would normally last for 2 hours. Each Life Group would have up to 12-15 people.

**Preparation**

To prepare for the Life Group meeting, you can listen to the Sermon Key Points (sermon summary in five minutes) or the full length Sunday sermon. You can also review the Sunday Sermon notes. All these are available in the "All Peoples Church Bangalore" mobile App or online at [apcwo.org/sermons](http://apcwo.org/sermons). Pray for the Life Group meeting and invite the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

**Welcome**

The Life Group meeting may commence with a time of prayer, worship and a fun activity.

**LISTEN to God's Word**

Read the following Scripture passages: *Psalm 30, Psalm 40:1-5, Isaiah 61:1-7*

**INVESTIGATE God's Word Together**

Please discuss a few of these together, giving time for people to share their insights. We encourage each one individually to make notes of their personal learning during the Group discussion.

*1) Share stories from your own lives of God turning situations around*

*2) Both Psalm 40:1, and James 5:11, remind us to be patient and to persevere, through the tough times. What are some practical things we can do that will help us persevere?*

*3) Pray for one another for turn-around in areas where people need to see this happen*

If time permits, each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share one or two key learning and how they see themselves applying it into their specific life situations. Encourage each one to participate and share.

**FELLOWSHIP by sharing your life and spiritual journey**



Each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share anything from their walk with God, something God has been teaching them, a testimony of answered prayer or a specific challenge that they would like prayer for. Encourage each one to participate and share.

**ENCOURAGE each other by praying and ministering to one another**

Get into small groups of two or three and take turns to thank God and pray for each other in the light of what was learnt today. Listen to the Holy Spirit. Expect the gifts of the Holy Spirit to flow bringing healing, releasing miracles, prophecy, etc.

Regroup and pray together for:

- 1, families to be protected and strengthened*
- 2, a mighty outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on us as a church and through us to bless many others in our city and nation. Nothing but a mighty work of God's Spirit can change our city and nation.*
- 3, for the BUILD TO IMPACT project - for God's hand to guide us through the land search and acquisition process, and for finances to be more than enough to get this project done.*

Close by thanking God together.



**USEFUL RESOURCES**



Watch our online Sunday Church service live stream every Sunday at 10:30am (Indian Time, GMT+5:30). Spirit filled, anointed worship, Word and ministry for healing, miracles, and deliverance.

**YOUTUBE:** <https://youtube.com/allpeopleschurchbangalore>

**WEBSITE:** <https://apcwo.org/live>

Our other websites and free resources:

**CHURCH:** <https://apcwo.org>

**FREE SERMONS:** <https://apcwo.org/resources/sermons>

**FREE BOOKS:** <https://apcwo.org/books/english>

**DAILY DEVOTIONALS:** <https://apcwo.org/resources/daily-devotional>

**JESUS CHRIST:** <https://examiningjesus.com>

**BIBLE COLLEGE:** <https://apcbiblecollege.org>

**E-LEARNING:** <https://apcbiblecollege.org/elearn>

**WEEKEND SCHOOLS:** <https://apcwo.org/ministries/weekend-schools>

**COUNSELING:** <https://chrysalislife.org>

**MUSIC:** <https://apcmusic.org>

**MINISTERS FELLOWSHIP:** <https://pamfi.org>

**CHURCH APP:** <https://apcwo.org/app>

**CHURCHES:** <https://apcwo.org/ministries/churches>

**WORLD MISSIONS:** <https://apcworldmissions.org>