



Can you say if you've seen our 'Loving God at Work' during this period of lockdown? Have you felt God's presence with you, have you felt his reassurance, have you been encouraged by him, have you recognised his blessing? When things are tough, when things are uncertain, some of us find it difficult to see God at work. Others of us see it all the more. I have been encouraged to "remember whose I am". Who I belong to, and what that means.

1 Cor 6:19 *"You are not on your own, for you were bought with a price. So, glorify God in your body"* – He loves me, and when someone loves you that changes the way you feel about yourself, and it empowers you..

## Psalm 111

Great are the works of the Lord;  
they are pondered by all who delight in them.

## Teaching from Ruth

The Loving God at Work

- How have you seen or experienced God at work in recent times?
- Where in the book of Ruth do we see evidence of God at work?
- Where might I see the hand of God at work this week, and in what situations might He be challenging me to allow Him to work?



## Song

How great the chasm that lay between us  
How high the mountain I could not climb  
In desperation, I turned to heaven  
And spoke Your name into the night

Then through the darkness, Your loving-kindness  
Tore through the shadows of my soul  
The work is finished, the end is written  
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy?  
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?  
The God of ages stepped down from glory  
To wear my sin and bear my shame

The cross has spoken, I am forgiven  
The King of kings calls me His own  
Beautiful Saviour, I'm Yours forever  
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free  
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me

You have broken every chain  
There's salvation in Your name

Jesus Christ, my living hope

Then came the morning that sealed the  
promise  
Your buried body began to breathe  
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion  
Declared the grave has no claim on me

Jesus, Yours is the victory,

Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free  
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me

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## Testimony from Esther Farhadi

My brother works in a hospital in Iran as a medical worker.

When the lockdown started there, in my country, he showed some symptoms of the virus and his wife had some problems as well. So, he quarantined himself and his wife and the stress was so high for the whole family as they had to stay away from their 3 children. When I called them and found them with respiratory problems I was so anxious and started to panic so I text some people in Duke Street Church and Oasis Church and I called Rosemary.

They all assured me they would pray for me and Rosemary prayed for me on the phone. It was a week that they had this problem and I was so stressed. The next day after I had those prayers, I called them and I heard their clear voices, as previously they had lost their voices.

I was so stunned and I was so thankful that they said they are alright, and they got healed and they got better, every day they got better. So then I told them this story of the praying, that people in Oasis Church and Duke Street Church prayed and they know Rosemary so they were so thankful and they asked me to thank Rosemary.

*'Thank you so much the Lord, that I had many similar experiences since I invited you into my life, as people everywhere around me in my country and here, they know the Lord now and I know that he works well in my country through all the people around me. Thank you so much Lord'*

## Song

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll;  
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,  
It is well, it is well with my soul.

It is well with my soul,  
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials  
should come,  
Let this blest assurance control,  
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,  
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.

My sin—oh, the bliss of this glorious  
thought!—  
My sin, not in part but the whole,  
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

And Lord, haste the day when the faith shall  
be sight,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;  
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall  
descend,  
Even so, it is well with my soul.

Dale Grotenhuis

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## Prayers

With our whole hearts, we praise you, Lord.  
We bring you our worship

As people who gather to sing and proclaim,  
As people who gather to confess and to  
remember your redeeming work  
As people who gather to read and tell of your  
mighty works  
of your faithfulness, and of your grace.

All glory belongs to you, God.  
You are gracious and compassionate.  
You provide for us all that we need,  
Remembering your promise

To hear when we call,  
To answer when we knock, and  
To be found when we seek you.

You have revealed your power to us in so  
many ways:  
You heal the sick  
You calm the frightened  
You bring peace to the grieving  
You change the course of our lives

We pause now and ask that you reveal your  
power again today for those especially on our  
hearts and minds  
We lift these names to you. *(pause)*



To you they are much more than names –  
they are your precious children,  
they are parents, sisters, brothers, children,  
bosses, employees, aunts, uncles.  
They are yours. You know every detail of  
their lives, far better than we do.  
You know their needs.

We can trust you with our prayers,  
not only because we know you have the  
power to answer, but because we have seen  
that you are faithful and just.  
The promises we claim today are the same as  
those your people have claimed across the  
generations

Through your Son, you have redeemed your  
people.  
You bring beauty and good from what we  
– in our brokenness and ignorance –  
have intended for evil.  
And in time, you will redeem the world,  
Bringing an end to death  
And the beginning of an eternity of worship  
When every tribe, tongue and nation will sing  
songs of praise. Until then, we wait.

Help us not to spend our days gazing at the  
sky.  
Send your Spirit that we might see the world  
as you do, Fill us with your compassion for  
those in need of shelter, of a friend, or of an  
advocate. Send us to the broken-hearted,  
the discarded and those who are hungry for  
the transformation only you can bring.

While our hearts cry *“Come Lord Jesus”*,  
let our hands reveal your presence in the  
world we inhabit.

We ask these things in the name of Jesus,  
who taught us to pray saying

**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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against  
us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power and  
the glory, for ever and ever.  
Amen**

May He strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.

And being rooted and established in love, may you have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge – that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God

Ephesians 3:14-21