



The news this week had a lot about the passing of Captain Sir Tom Moore and the legacy he has left. He has inspired many people, motivating them to give generously of their time and money to help the NHS. This quote is attributed to him... *"the sun will shine on you again, and the clouds will go away. Tomorrow will be a good day"* – inspiring us to the hope of better things ahead.

Jesus also inspires us to the hope of better days ahead. He promised that following him, and obeying God will lead to a life in all its fullness. John 10 v 10:

*"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."*  
It's a hope for each day, it's a hope for a better tomorrow, and it's a hope for eternal life.

## Read Luke 2:42-52

### Song

Let praise be a weapon that silences the enemy

Let praise be a weapon that conquers all anxiety

Let it rise let praise arise

We sing Your name in the dark

And it changes ev'rything

We sing with all we are and we claim Your victory

Let it rise let praise arise

We'll see you break down ev'ry wall

We'll watch the giants fall

For fear cannot survive when we praise You

The God of breakthrough's on our side

Forever lift (Him) (You) high

With all creation cry God we praise You

Oh we praise You oh

Let faith be the song

That overcomes the raging sea

Let faith be the song

That calms the storm inside of me

Let it rise let faith arise

Oh we praise You oh we praise You  
Oh we praise You oh we praise You

This is what living looks like

This is what freedom feels like

This is what Heaven sounds like

We praise You

We praise You

Oh we praise You oh we praise You

Oh we praise You oh yeah with all Your praise

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### Prayer

Isaiah 41:13 *For I am the Lord your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you "Do not fear, I will help you"*

Thank God that He holds and reassures us, and for the promise that knowing Jesus brings life in all its fullness.

## Teaching

- Is there any action I need to take? Should I find out more? Do I agree with everything that has been said?
- Are we, like Mary, asking Jesus the wrong question? Should we be asking, 'What have I done for Jesus? Within the current restrictions what might 'whatever you did ... for me' look like?  
*(Ideas: phone someone (don't wait for them to call you) and find out how they're doing; send some flowers; send a card, text or email - or, old school, write a note to encourage them!)*
- Like the person in the coma, do you feel as though God isn't with you in your current circumstances? Do you need reminding that, whatever is happening, God is there?
- Have I 'lost Jesus' in the busy-ness or distractions of life? What causes this, and what can I do to ensure I 'fix my eyes on Jesus'?
- What practical steps can I take to emulate the qualities of Jesus listed in this passage?

## Song

You were the Word at the beginning  
One with God the Lord Most High  
Your hidden glory in creation  
Now revealed in You our Christ

What a beautiful Name it is  
What a beautiful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a beautiful Name it is  
Nothing compares to this  
What a beautiful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus

You didn't want heaven without us  
So Jesus You brought heaven down  
My sin was great Your love was greater  
What could separate us now

What a wonderful Name it is  
What a wonderful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a wonderful Name it is  
Nothing compares to this  
What a wonderful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus  
What a wonderful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus

Death could not hold You  
The veil tore before You  
You silence the boast of sin and grave  
The heavens are roaring  
The praise of Your glory  
For You are raised to life again

You have no rival  
You have no equal  
Now and forever God You reign  
Yours is the kingdom  
Yours is the glory  
Yours is the Name above all names

What a powerful Name it is  
What a powerful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a powerful Name it is  
Nothing can stand against  
What a powerful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus

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And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him.

cleanse us;  
refresh us;  
refine us;  
renew us.