

Joyful in Hope – 73 – June 12, 2020
(thoughts and ideas to encourage and challenge)

“Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.”
Romans 12:12

The Goodness of God – On the weekend of March 13-15, Janine and I flew to Dallas for the wedding of Mike and Priya Stack. We planned to worship that Sunday with my brother Mark, and his wife Jill, at The Hills Church outside of Ft. Worth. But that Sunday marked the beginning of the ‘Stay at Home’ order in Texas, and so we met ‘at home’ with two other couples for Online Worship. That was the first of many. This Sunday will probably be the last time – three months later! Can’t wait to be with you in person. We may have to introduce ourselves to each other, but it will be good to be together.

I brought up that first online worship experience because one the songs sung by the Praise Team at the Hills Church struck a chord with me, and still resonates. It means even more during these days of uncertainty and stress. I’ll share the lyrics with you today, and I look forward to sharing the music video with you on Sunday.

"Goodness Of God"

I love You, Lord
For Your mercy never fails me
All my days, I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

Cause all my life You have been faithful
And all my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
And in darkest night You are close like no other
I've known You as a Father
I've known You as a Friend
And I have lived in the goodness of God, yeah

And all my life You have been faithful
And all my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God, yeah

'Cause Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now
I give You everything

'Cause Your goodness is running after, it's running after me, oh-ohh
'Cause Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
'Cause Your goodness is running after, it keeps running after me

And all my life You have been faithful
And all my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
Oh, I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God
I'm gonna sing, I'm gonna sing
'Cause all my life You have been faithful
And all my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
Oh, I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God
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