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Read Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22 & 45b

Give thanks to the Lord and proclaim his greatness.

Let the whole world know what he has done.

Sing to him; yes, sing his praises.

Tell everyone about his wonderful deeds.

Exult in his holy name; rejoice, you who worship the Lord.

Search for the Lord and for his strength; continually seek him.

Remember the wonders he has performed,

his miracles, and the rulings he has given,

you children of his servant Abraham,

you descendants of Jacob, his chosen ones.

He called for a famine on the land of Canaan, cutting off its food supply.

Then he sent someone to Egypt ahead of them - Joseph, who was sold as a slave.

They bruised his feet with fetters and placed his neck in an iron collar.

Until the time came to fulfil his dreams, the Lord tested Joseph's character.

Then Pharaoh sent for him and set him free;

the ruler of the nation opened his prison door.

Joseph was put in charge of all the king's household;

he became ruler over all the king's possessions.

He could instruct the king's aides as he pleased

and teach the king's advisers.

Praise the Lord!

Should we Jump?I have taken the meaning of this phrase as a question to safety or not.....but rather as a jump for Joy or in service or 'at an opportunity'!

Would you jump at the opportunity? A lot depends on the stories that you have heard..... about whatever you are asked to jump at!

Hands up..... if you would jump at the opportunity for -

A Bungie jump?

A cruise?

A swim with sharks?

A ticket for the opera?

An expedition to Antarctica?

A steak and kidney pie?

I guess it depends on the stories you have heard about these things as to whether or not you would jump at the opportunity of them!

What about a walk with Jesus??

(We have just had a song about walk by faith - Walk by faith - Praise Band)

What will stop someone from having a walk with Jesus?

What will help them?? (See Romans 10:14-15, 8:12-13, 31-32.)

How might we become that person who could help someone to walk with Jesus?

(Prayer? Being immersed in the stories? By imitation? By practice? By Training? By starting? By grace? Be the tellers of God's stories?)

The stories about God's actions in the Bible are amazing? What did you hear in Psalm 105?

God is known by God's actions - 'I Am who I Am' Exodus 3:1-22 (God is saying - I will be known by my actions - i.e. to save my people.....faithful/able)

They are often strange actions - like talking from bushes or through donkeys - actions to turn heads - walking through the sea - feeding 5000 - walking on sea!

In the Psalm 105what was it about..... if you are wondering which way to jump for God or not the stories should help you decide!

When I read the stories I like the reversals

Psalm 105:22 He could instruct the king's aides as he pleased and teach the king's advisers. (To instruct his princes at his pleasure, and to teach his elders wisdom)

The slave teachers the freeThe young teachers his elders wisdom.....

What are some of the great reversals of the Bible that you love??

The First will be last - Mk 10:31

Rulers to Servants - Mk 10:42-45

From Self to others - Philippians 2:4-8

Lowly to exalted - Psalm 105:16-22, Philippians 2:8-11

Poverty to wealth - Wealth to Poverty - 2 Corinthians 8:8-9

Weakness is strength - 2 Corinthians 12:8-10, 1 Peter 5:7

Bondage is freedom - Matthew 11:28-30, 1 Corinthians 7:22-23

Giving you will receive - Luke 6:37-38

The Beatitudespoor, meek and hungry will endure

Should we jump? What is your answer!

It all depends on the stories

it all depends on how well we let the stories inhabit our lives