

words for *worship*



The Power of Music

Series: Words For Worship

Scripture: Psalm 98

zamar = to celebrate in song and music.

Music is powerful because:

1. it _____ hard _____.
2. it _____ our _____.
 - 1 Samuel 16
3. it _____ our _____.
 - 2 Kings 3
 - “Those that _____ God’s blessings must _____ room for them.” - Matthew Henry
4. it _____ your _____.
5. it can _____ things right that are _____ or _____.

God knows all this because of the _____ of music.

It’s also in the _____ of music.

Start talking.

- What's a song—worship or otherwise—that has had a meaningful impact on you? Why?

Start thinking.

- Read Psalm 98. What are the various sounds, instruments, and responses listed? What does that tell us about how God wants to be praised?
- In 1 Samuel 16, David's music soothed Saul's troubled spirit. Why do you think music has that kind of power? How have you seen that in your own life or in others?
- In 2 Kings 3, Elisha called for a musician before he prophesied. What might that reveal about how worship music prepares us to hear from God?

Start sharing.

- The sermon said, "Our *zamar* is not always just for us." Have you ever seen or heard worship that impacted someone else unexpectedly? How might your praise influence others?
- How does music help you "switch frequencies"? In what ways could regular musical praise help reframe your current season or struggles?
- What are some ways you can intentionally make space for *zamar* in your daily or weekly routine?
- Pastor Troy said "those that expect God's blessings must prepare room for them" stood out. What "ditches" might you need to dig in faith—acts of preparation or surrender—to be ready for what God wants to do in your life?
- Music is in the past of creation, the present of praise, and the future of heaven. How does that big-picture view shape how you think about worship?

Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

Father, thank You for the gift of music. Thank You for songs that lift our spirits and remind us of Your faithfulness. Help us to praise You not just with our words, but with melodies from our hearts. Tune our souls to Your voice and use our worship to soften hearts, shift atmospheres, and glorify You. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Start Doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week

- Choose one worship song that speaks to you and play it daily—sing along, meditate on the lyrics, or let it help you switch frequencies. Then journal or share with the group next time: what changed?
- Build a personal worship playlist filled with songs that help shift your focus to God. Use it throughout your week—on your commute, during chores, or while praying—and notice how it affects your mindset and spirit.