

“I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all the marvelous things you have done. I will be filled with joy because of you. I will sing praises to your name, O Most High.” Psalms 9:1-2 NLT

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You can tell that David and his crew were “all in” kind of guys. That shows up in David’s warrior-ness, it also shows up in his exuberant expressions of praise. On my walk today, clipping down old streets in Santa Ana, the cool fog of fall dripping from the trees above, I was listening to a podcast about gratitude. It’s my favorite message on gratitude, from a local pastor that’s delivered the same message before Thanksgiving, for thirty+ years. When he was done, the worship band played and sang, 10,000 reasons by Matt Redmond. And, as I listened, my heart, mind, soul and lips were fully engaged in THANKING God - crescendoing into Bless the Lord Oh my Soul! I was no longer wandering the streets of my neighborhood, for a few moments, I was waltzing down the streets of heaven. I was caught up in thoughts of what 10,000 years in eternity would look like. It won’t be bogged down by viruses, politics, bickering, booming-bass cars that rattle my teeth. No, heaven won’t be hampered by my sin or selfishness. It will be exclusively and explosively about God and his goodness, his joy. I can’t wait!

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Dad,

If I started now, I wonder how long it would take to list 10,000 reasons? I can start with a few and work my way up. I am so very grateful for what you have done and are doing in my own life, and, the life of others I know. Some have really been devastated by 2020. But MANY are shocked and in awe at your grace, favor and provision. I loved walking the streets of heaven with you this morning, just for a few moments.

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rest in the presence of God, allowing the words revealed to take root