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“RECKLESS LOVE”

[Verse 1]

Before I spoke a word,
You were singing over me.
You have been so, so good to me.
Before I took a breath,
You breathed Your life in me.
You have been so, so kind to me.

[Chorus]

Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending,
Reckless love of God
Oh, it chases me down,
Fights 'til I'm found,
Leaves the ninety-nine.
I couldn't earn it, and I don't deserve it,
Still You give Yourself away
Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, Reckless
love of God.

[Verse 2]

When I was Your foe,
Still Your love fought for me
You have been so, so good to me
When I felt no worth,
You paid it all for me
You have been so, so kind to me.

[Chorus]

[Bridge] x4

There's no shadow You won't light up
Mountain You won't climb up
Coming after me
There's no wall You won't kick down
Lie You won't tear down
Coming after me

[Chorus]

CONFESSION OF SINS

Worship Leader: 1 Corinthians 12:25-27 says, “There should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.”

Through Paul, God has given us this is a call to action. This section isn’t merely about loving each other, it is about participation in the work of the church. It is about using the gifts God has given each of us. He intends every Christian to actively use their gifts together. It is a community effort. And when we forget, the body of Christ—the church—is not operating as God intends.

The devil capitalizes on our forgetfulness, on our tendency to sin, and on our emotions. Perhaps we, like the servant with only one bag of gold (Matthew 25:14-30), have hidden our abilities, because we feel like what we have to offer is not ‘good enough.’ Or, maybe at other times our sinful nature leads us to feel lazy and we are misled to think *‘Oh well, the pastors and the other folks, they’ve got it. They don’t NEED me.’* Or maybe we are jealous of someone else’s gifts and even though we may be exceptionally talented in one area we don’t use it because Satan has led us to become bitter.

Let us not be led astray. God has chosen each of us and he has blessed each of us with many gifts. Let us glorify him by first coming back to him and repenting for any time we have given into temptation and sinned. Then, let us rejoice in the welcoming forgiveness won for us through Jesus! And, with his strength renewing us, use all our gifts as a light to the world for him—along with the entire body of Christ. We confess:

Congregation: Lord, you have given me my body and soul, my eyes and ears, my mind and all my abilities. You have richly and daily provided all I need to support my body and life. Yet with all these blessings I have continued to sin—in thought, word, and deed. Lord, I pray that you have mercy on me. Not because I have earned it or deserved it, but because of your unfailing love and your Son Jesus. Assure me of the forgiveness of my sin. Take away my guilt. Renew me and grant me strength to continue running the race of life.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

WL: God, our Heavenly Father, is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and rich in faithful love. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. May the God of hope fill you with the peace and joy that comes only through his forgiveness and give you his strength to live according to his will. Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Amos 7:10-15

Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent a message to Jeroboam king of Israel: "Amos is raising a conspiracy against you in the very heart of Israel. The land cannot bear all his words. ¹¹ For this is what Amos is saying:

*"Jeroboam will die by the sword,
and Israel will surely go into exile,
away from their native land."*

¹² Then Amaziah said to Amos, "Get out, you seer! Go back to the land of Judah.

"Earn your bread there and do your prophesying there. ¹³ Don't prophesy anymore at Bethel, because this is the king's sanctuary and the temple of the kingdom."

¹⁴ Amos answered Amaziah, "I was neither a prophet nor the son of a prophet, but I was a shepherd, and I also took care of sycamore-fig trees. ¹⁵ But the Lord took me from tending the flock and said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

Here is a trustworthy saying: Whoever aspires to be an overseer desires a noble task.

² Now the overseer is to be above reproach, faithful to his wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, ³ not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money.

⁴ He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him, and

he must do so in a manner worthy of full respect. ⁵ (If anyone does not know how to manage his own family, how can he take care of God's church?)

⁶ He must not be a recent convert, or he may become conceited and fall under the same judgment as the devil. ⁷ He must also have a good reputation with outsiders, so that he will not fall into disgrace and into the devil's trap.

"HUNDRED MILES"

[Part 1]

Bless the Lord, oh my soul!
Sing praise to Him and Him alone!
Bless the Lord, oh my soul!
Sing praise with me you heavenly hosts!

I can't help myself
There is no one else
Like you God
I could sing a song
A hundred miles long
But it won't compare

[repeat]

[Chorus]x4

Hallelujah, sing to the Lord.
Hallelujah, my soul rejoice!

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LET US GLADLY GIVE OUR BEST FOR GOD

Message based on Ephesians 1:3-14

EPHESIANS 1:3-14

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.

⁴ For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves.

⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace ⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, ⁹ he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his

good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, ¹⁰ to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

¹¹ In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, ¹² in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory.

¹³ And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.

PRAYER

Following the prayer:

All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

"I WILL GO"

[Verse 1]

Standing in the place
Where doubt and faith collide
Staring in the face
Of fear that has to die
When You call my name
There's only one reply
No I won't wait
I'll give You my whole life.

[Chorus]

I will go where You send me
To the ends of the earth
Just say the word and I'll go
I will go where You lead me
I'll follow Your heart
Wherever You are I'll go

[Verse 2]

I've packed my bags
And now I'm heading out
No I won't look back
Until the lost are found
'Cause I've been losing sleep
Over the least of these
And I'll find Your riches
Among poverty.

[Chorus]

[Bridge]x2

In Your name the blind will see
The lame will walk the bound are free
In Your name the darkness hides
The mountains move the dead will rise
In Your name. In Your name.

[Chorus]x2

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & BLESSING

WANT TO FOLLOW ALONG WITH THE MUSIC?

This playlist contains nearly every one of the songs that we use for contemporary worship over the year:

**Also, feel free to send song suggestions or recommendations to Staff Minister Kyle Heise 😊.*



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