

What are the reasons we sing?

1. To Sing is to be like Him.

- Mt 26:30 and Mark 14:36
- Hebrews 2:12 Jesus identifies with us by singing with us.
- Zephaniah 3:17 "The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with **loud** singing."

2. To Sing is to Obey.

- It's not a command it's an invitation or eager expectation.
- There are over 1150 references in the bible about music, 400 are about singing and 50 are commands to sing. It's not optional!

3. To Sing is to Believe.

- Singing is the gospel.
- It's a response to what's going on inside of us.
- If you are struggling to sing a song to him it's because you are struggling to know who you are and who He's made you to be.
- We can't let our performance get in the way. He knew our performance before we ever were born!
- If you are struggling to find a song then you need to get into the word.

4. To Sing is to Love.

- As our hearts are stirred we begin to respond. As love grows singing leads us and causes us to love God with all our soul, might and strength. Music isn't from man, God made it!
- We need help to love God and the way that we love God is from singing to Him!
- Our songs are prayers. Some say singing is like praying twice!

5. To Sing is to be Strengthened.

- There are times as believers where we aren't feeling that joy on the inside and it isn't producing a song.
- To sing is to be strengthened on the inside with might.
- God takes the pain in our life for us to turn it around into a song!

6. To Sing is to be Unified.

- John 17 "Father I desire that they would be one as we are one."
- Nothing unifies us more than singing songs together.
- We partner with him in spreading the kingdom of heaven.
- When Jesus rules from Jerusalem and every tribe and tongue has unending worship.