

# This Offering

a journey of surrendering  
our thoughts back to God



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# Introduction

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# Journey

This section will be a "how to"  
Talk about how our Christian life is a journey  
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# Our Hallelujah

Your majesty and wonder  
fill the earth and sky  
Complexity and beauty  
no one can deny

And all creation sings  
With every breath we bring  
Hallelujah, Our Hallelujah

Enthroned upon the heavens  
King of all the earth  
Sovereign over all things  
and faithful to Your Word

And all creation sings  
With every breath we bring  
Hallelujah, Our Hallelujah

All glory, all honor,  
all power, all praise  
We bow down before you  
the Lamb that was slain

All glory, all honor,  
all power, all praise  
We lift up our voices  
and call on Your Name



## Read

Psalm 150  
Psalm 8  
Psalm 19:1  
Revelation 4:11  
Psalm 111

Creation. It's beautiful, isn't it? Awe-inspiring. The level of mastery, organization and forethought that it took to create the universe is mind-blowing. Everything was designed to work together in perfect harmony, supporting each other in perfect balance - all pointing back to the Creator in wonder and splendor.

All glory and honor and praise is lifted to the One who made us all and holds us all together. Our whole lives - every breath, every word, every action - are intended to reflect glory back to the Creator, just like the moon reflects the sun.

## Journal

Take a moment to look outside and awe at God's creation. Go for a walk. As you breathe in the air He made, focus your spirit on the Holy Spirit. Tune into His presence. Continue to take slow breaths and thank Him for refreshing and renewing you.

Fix your thoughts on the Lord's goodness and exhale out your praise. Use your breath to bring your hallelujah to the King. Speak out your adoration. Sing out your worship. Devote your day to Him with your breath.

**With every breath we bring  
Our Hallelujah**



# Living Water

I've lived in the desert, I've trudged through sand  
My soul was weary, too weak to stand  
I thought my blessings came by my own hand  
I won't go back now that I've seen your plan

What started as a trickle soon became a stream  
It widened to a river then washed over me

We come, we come  
We come to drink the water  
Wells of living water  
We come, we come  
With joyful expectation  
Draw from your salvation

Your love rolls on, rolls on like ocean waves  
Cleansing, refreshing, washing fear away  
As mountain springs you flow with endless grace  
Every drop as fresh as mercy's rain

What started as a trickle soon became a stream  
It widened to a river then washed over me  
What started as whisper soon became a roar  
This rushing flood of blessing satisfies  
forevermore

You are, You are Living Water  
You are, You are Living Water  
You are, You are  
You are all I need, Living Water



## Read

John 4:7-15, 7:37-38  
Revelation 22:17  
Ezekiel 47:1-12  
Isaiah 12:3, 55:1, 58:11

From the woman at the well to the throne room of heaven, there are so many beautiful metaphors describing how sufficient Jesus is as our living water. He is the only one who satisfies every thirst, every need, every desire of our hearts. He is the only one good enough, pure enough, plentiful enough to fill the deepest places of our souls.

Often we don't know how thirsty we really are. We don't realize how often we need to return to that well to be refreshed. Or how empty and powerless we are when we try to live life on our own and don't take the time to come and drink living water.

Jesus said when we drink his living water, we will never thirst again. Yet the more I experience him, the more I want. The more I drink, the thirstier I become. Abiding - staying connected to the source - is key. I want the wellspring of my heart to overflow with living water because I've written his word on my heart.

## Journal

Have you come to the well today? Are you staying refreshed by the living water that Jesus offers us?

Take a moment to meditate on these verses. Allow the Lord to imprint your heart with his Word. Drink in his refreshing goodness, his satisfying kindness, his breathtaking beauty. Invite him to speak to you in this moment, whether his voice sounds like the whisper of a gentle spring or the roar of a mighty river. Let it wash over you.

Throughout the week, listen to Living Water and intentionally return to this place of refreshing. Write down how you feel and journal what God speaks to you.

**We come to drink the water  
Wells of living water**



# Whatever Is

Whatever is just, Whatever is true  
Whatever I think about  
Let it point me back to You  
Whatever is good, Whatever brings praise to You  
Whatever I think about  
Let it point me back to You

Whatever is pure, Whatever has virtue  
Whatever I think about  
Let it point me back to You  
Whatever is lovely, Whatever can honor You  
Whatever I think about  
Let it point me back to You

I rejoice, I rejoice  
Every gift comes from above  
Showered down on me with love  
I rejoice, I rejoice  
The God of Peace is here with me  
He's supplying every need  
I rejoice

The thoughts we plant as seeds  
Will grow into beliefs  
So I will choose to be thankful  
And cultivate good things  
Gratitude is key  
Let gentleness be seen in all my life



# Read

Proverbs 4:23

Romans 12:2

2 Corinthians 10:5

Philippians 4:4-9

The heart is the wellspring of life. Everything flows out of it. What you meditate on manifests in your life: thoughts become words and actions, so we should guard our hearts by intentionally recognizing and focusing our thoughts. Both fear and faith begin in our imaginations, but we get to choose the story we write with our thoughts. As we choose to meditate on scripture and truth, our hearts are flooded with gratitude and praise. Those thoughts impact our words and actions. Real transformation and lasting change begins with renewing our minds.

# Journal

Do you have any negative thoughts that keep coming to mind? Do you seem to go down the same rabbit trails everyday? Maybe it's fear, anxiety, bitterness, comparison, regret, shame... Bring those thoughts to the Lord. Confess that you do not want to think that way and hand off that burden to Him.

How can you re-write those thoughts to align with scripture? What are some ways you can reroute the rabbit trails back to God?

Write out some intentional truth from the Bible that you want to speak over yourself. Post those statements somewhere that you will see them everyday. Maybe put them in a note on your phone to open and read when the old negative thought patterns emerge.

**Whatever I think about  
Let it point me back to you**





# Mended

Fractured  
I'm crying out in need  
Wounded  
These scars are still bleeding  
But Healing  
As he paints his stripes on me  
Savior  
Broken so I could be free

Shattered  
And scattered in the wind  
But gathered  
To be made whole again  
Redeemer  
His body and blood was shed  
To restore us  
Back to communion

Like cracked ceramics repaired with gold  
We're dark but lovely when God makes us whole  
Lay down our striving and pain so He can end it  
To Jesus we surrender to be mended

A piece of you  
A piece of me  
A piece of Christ  
Broken that we could be mended  
Peace for you  
Peace for me  
The peace of Christ  
Given so we could be mended  
To Jesus we surrender to be mended



# Read

Isaiah 53:5

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

Colossians 3:12-14

2 Corinthians 13:11

John 17:19-23

Psalms 133

As you read through these verses, it is clear that God desires unity. It was His plan from the beginning. Jesus came and died and rose again so that we could be restored to communion with God and each other. His blood covers and heals us, spirit, soul and body. There is no offense that he doesn't want to forgive and redeem. There is no fractured relationship that he doesn't want to mend. The kingdom of God is righteousness, peace, and joy. As we partner with the Holy Spirit and allow him to heal our hearts, I believe he will heal our lives, our communities, our culture, our world. Surrender your trust to him. Let him do the work in your heart and trust him to work in the hearts of others.

When a person has a broken bone, it needs to be cast right away so that it heals correctly. There is a season where that bone is held in place by the cast in order to fuse back together - to be mended. When the cast comes off, a second wave of healing comes as the muscles rebuild and learn how to move again. Our hearts are the same way when we've experienced deep wounds and brokenness. It takes time to heal, seasons of being held and seasons of becoming strong again. Jesus is in that process with us like a physical therapist for the heart, guiding our restoration. But we mustn't fight the process. We must surrender to be mended.

# Journal

Take a moment and allow the Lord to search your heart and bring up any unforgiveness in your heart. Is there a sting of bitterness when you think of a particular person or situation? Surrender it to Jesus. Allow him to heal and restore.

[insert guided prayer]

To Jesus we surrender  
To be mended



# Faithful and True

Your ways are higher  
And Your thoughts are wiser  
Almighty King  
I give You everything

Your plans are greater  
They're always to prosper  
Almighty King  
I give You everything

Sovereign, All-Knowing God  
You are Faithful and True  
And I will trust in You

All glory to the King  
Who is able to redeem  
And do exceeding, abundantly,  
beyond all we can dream



# Read

Isaiah 55:8-11  
Ephesians 3:20  
Hebrew 11:1

When I first started gardening, my favorite seeds to plant were the ones that sprouted right away so that I could enjoy the plant sooner. But over time I found that my favorite flowers were actually the ones that I had to plan ahead and plant months in advance. Fall bulbs have to sit underground in darkness throughout the winter before sprouting and blooming in the spring. Those seeds require patience and faith, trusting that they will pop up when the time is right.

God's promises are like those different kinds of seeds. Sometimes they sprout and bear fruit right away. Sometimes they have to stay hidden for a season before emerging to bloom. But every word God speaks has purpose and accomplishes what He intends. Our role is to trust and obey, believing that our King is Faithful and True.

# Journal

What are some promises in the Bible that you are believing for in your life? Is there something that God spoke to you about that you are still waiting to happen?

Declarations and affirmations are powerful tools to renew our minds and help steady that stance of faith. This song adds melody to some key affirmations that you can sing over yourself daily to ground yourself in faith to see God supernaturally do what seems impossible in the natural world. Sing it over those promises and stand firm in a place of hope and trust.

For more information on renewing your mind, check out *Created to Thrive* by Matt Tommey or *Switch on Your Brain* by Dr. Carolyn Leaf

You are faithful and true  
And I will trust in you



# This Offering

Don't let my soul get weary  
I'm tired and I'm in need of you, Lord  
You, Lord

I'm thirsting for living water  
And every well runs dry but you Lord  
You, Lord

So I will bring this offering

I'll bring this sacrifice of praise  
Come and set it all ablaze  
Only you could get the glory from  
These ashes and flames  
So I will bring this offering

There is no other fountain  
There is no other source but you, Lord  
You, Lord

No one lights up the darkness  
Like the Light of the World; It's you, Lord,  
You, Lord

So I will bring this offering

Have it all, have it all Jesus  
Let your fire fall on this sacrifice



# Read

1 Kings 18: 30-39  
Matthew 11:20-30

Surrender and rest go hand in hand. Matthew 11 talks about surrendering to the unforced rhythms of God's grace. When we surrender ourselves, we offer up a sacrifice to the Lord, declaring our trust in the One who is not just able but enjoys taking care of us. Choosing to praise in the midst of dry or weary seasons restores our hearts and minds to that place of trust. And just like God consumed Elijah's offering in 1 Kings 18, He will consume our offering. Elijah's offering chose God over idols. It was a massive declaration of faith. I believe that just like fire fell on that altar that day, the fire of the Holy Spirit falls on our hearts when we offer them up to God.

# Journal

Is there anything in your life that is coming between you and God? A thought pattern or habit that needs to be surrendered? A situation where you haven't fully trusted the Lord? Maybe a lifestyle of doing things on your own or your own way? Offer it as a sacrifice today to the One who is faithful to give you rest, to restore and renew your heart. Choose to praise in the midst of weariness. As we pour ourselves out in worship, He will fill us to overflowing.

I'll bring this sacrifice of praise  
Come and set it all ablaze

