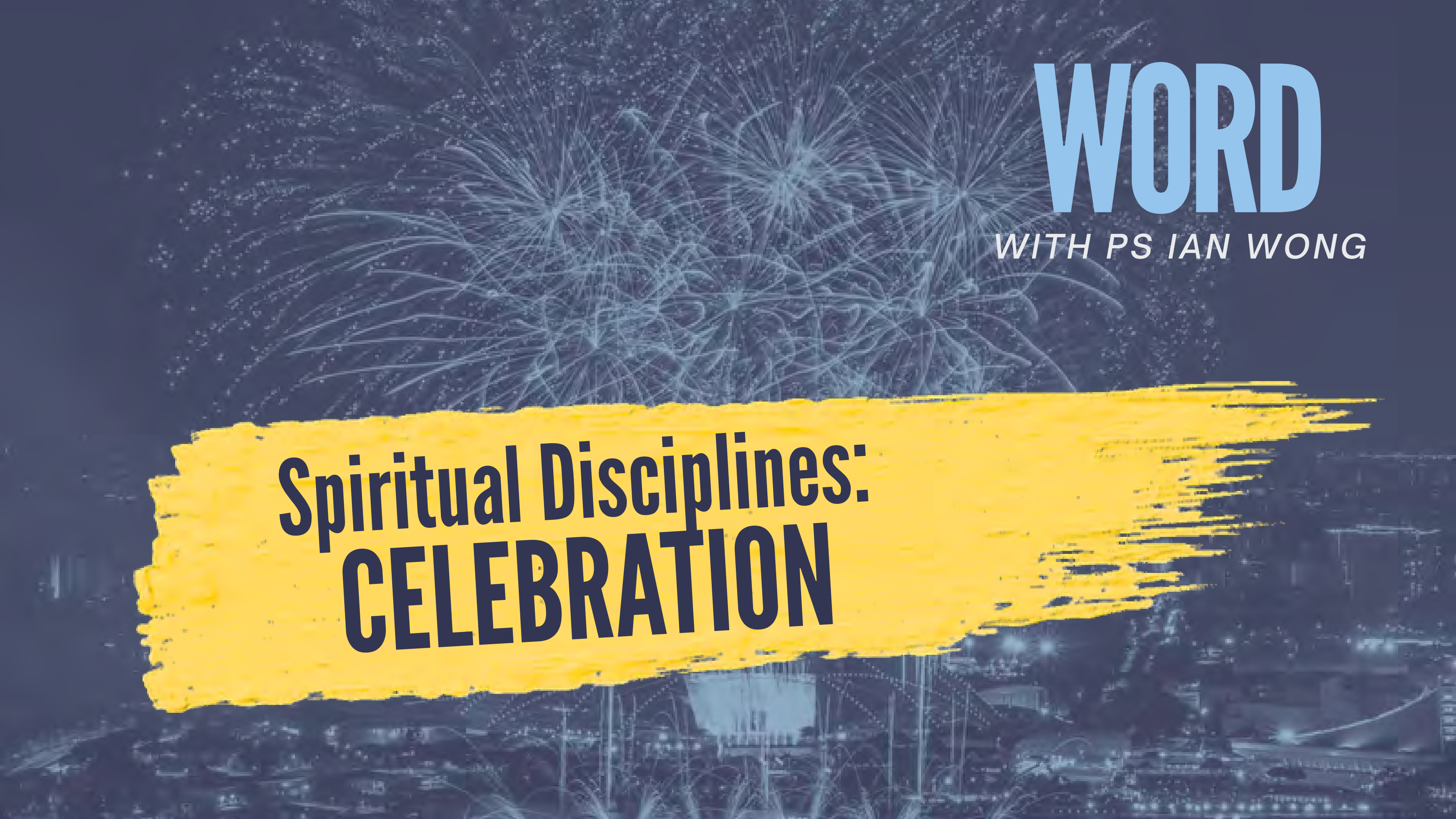


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WORD

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Spiritual Disciplines: CELEBRATION

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What it Builds

Basic relationship with God

Examined life / thoughts

Communication with God

Give up good for better

Doorway to depth/truth

Free from loneliness/to listen

Owner of my life - Jesus

The secret of life

Purpose of my life

Posture of my life

Fruit of my life

Is
Being **Spiritual**
=
Being **Serious?**



We are called to Celebrate!

*Rejoice in the Lord always.
I will say it again: Rejoice!*

PHILLIPIANS 4:4



Shout for **joy** to the LORD, all the earth.
Worship the LORD with **gladness**;
come before him with **joyful** songs.

PSALM 100:1-2



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come before him with **joyful** songs.

For the LORD is **good** and
his love endures forever...

PSALM 100:1-2,5



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Praise him for his acts of power;
praise him for his surpassing greatness.

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PSALM 150:1-6

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PSALM 150:1-6

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PSALM 150:1-6

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PSALM 150:1-6

Praise Who?
Praise Where?

Praise Why?

“acts of power”
= What He’s done

*“surpassing
greatness”*
= Who He is

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PSALM 150:1-6

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Praise Where?

Praise Why?

Praise With
What?

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Horns
Plucked Strings
Tambourine/Dance
Violins/Woodwinds
Drums
Drums x 2

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PSALM 150:1-6

*Praise Who?
Praise Where?*

Praise Why?

*Praise With
What?*

*All kinds of
instruments!*

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Praise Where?*

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*Praise With
What?*

*Who should
Praise?
Praise Who?*

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Praise is Right

Praise is Everywhere

*Praise is a Response:
what God has done
and who God is*

*Praise is Creative
and Skillful and
Varied*

Praise is for Everyone

CELEBRATE WHAT AH?



WHAT GOD HAS DONE

WHO GOD IS

Found us when we were lost

Now the tax collectors and sinners
were all gathering around to hear Jesus.

But the Pharisees and the
teachers of the law muttered,

“This man welcomes sinners
and eats with them.”

LUKE 15:1-2



“Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn’t he leave the ninety-nine... and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home.

Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says,

‘Rejoice with me;
I have found my lost sheep.’

LUKE 15:3-6



I tell you that **in the same way** there will be
more rejoicing
in heaven over one sinner who repents
than over ninety-nine righteous persons
who do not need to repent.

LUKE 15:7



“Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn’t she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says,

‘Rejoice with me;
I have found my lost coin.’

LUKE 15:8-9



CELEBRATE WHAT AH?



WHAT GOD HAS DONE

WHO GOD IS

Found us when we were lost

Shepherd

CELEBRATE WHAT AH?



WHAT GOD HAS DONE

Found us when we were lost
Saved us at the Cross

WHO GOD IS

Shepherd

When they hurled their insults at him (Christ), he did not retaliate; when he **suffered**, he **made no threats**. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.

“He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.”

1 PETER 2:21-24



For “you were like sheep going astray,”
but now
you have returned to the Shepherd and
Overseer of your souls.

1 PETER 2:25





*At the cross, at the cross
Where I first saw the light,
And the burden of my heart rolled away,
It was there by faith I received my sight,
And now I am happy all the day!*

CELEBRATE WHAT AH?



WHAT GOD HAS DONE

Found us when we were lost
Saved us at the Cross

WHO GOD IS

Shepherd
Saviour

CELEBRATE WHAT AH?



WHAT GOD HAS DONE

Found us when we were lost

Saved us at the Cross

Welcomed us into His love

WHO GOD IS

Shepherd

Saviour

“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love.

I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

My command is this:

Love each other as I have loved you.

JOHN 15:9-12



God's love welcomes us and saves us

It also frees us to a life of joyful Obedience

This obedience is the greatest source of

JOY

in our lives



As Jesus was saying these things,
a woman in the crowd called out,
“Blessed is the mother who gave you birth
and nursed you.”

He replied, “Blessed rather are those who
hear the word of God and obey it.”

LUKE 11:27-28



CELEBRATE WHAT AH?



WHAT GOD HAS DONE

Found us when we were lost

Saved us at the Cross

Welcome us into His love

WHO GOD IS

Shepherd

Saviour

Father

CELEBRATE WHAT AH?



WHAT GOD HAS DONE

Found us when we were lost

Saved us at the Cross

Welcome us into His love

Send us to love others

WHO GOD IS

Shepherd

Saviour

Father

“My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me,
and everything I have is yours. But we had to

celebrate

and be glad, because this brother of yours was
dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.”

LUKE 15:31-3



For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the **power of God** that **brings salvation to everyone** who believes...

ROMANS 1:16

But you will **receive power** when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and **you will be my witnesses** in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

ACTS 1:8



CELEBRATE WHAT AH?



WHAT GOD HAS DONE

Found us when we were lost

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WHO GOD IS

Shepherd

Saviour

Father

Holy Spirit in us

RESPONSE

- 1) Do you need to be found today? Jesus is pursuing us again and ready to restore/forgive
- 2) Is our relationship with God dry and tedious? Jesus comes to renew the Joy of our salvation
- 3) Is there Joy for welcoming those far from God? Jesus helps us celebrate the lost coming Home

