



TOUCH

OF HEAVEN

CAN I GET A PRAISE BREAK —
GROUP STUDY AVAILABLE ON THE 1825 DASHBOARD

1825 - Touch of Heaven

Philippians 3:8-10 NIV

*“What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. **I want to know Christ...**”*

Words like “Surrender”, “Desperate” & “Desire” speaks to the very need we have for **something**.

I might ask you: What is that *something* you so desperately need?

- Is it breakthrough in an area that you have been struggling with? An addiction?
- Have you given too much attention to what others have and that which you do not have? Do you need to compare yourself to others because you are unhappy of who you are right now?
- Is it forgiving someone that you haven't had the courage to face?
- Do you desire to be seen? to be acknowledged or are you still trying to find your purpose in the every day routine of life?

I love how David had this deep desire to be on God's Presence

Psalm 63:1

*“You, God, are my God,
earnestly I seek you;
I thirst for you,
my whole being longs for you,
in a dry and parched land
where there is no water.”*

David's great need of affection is a great example of Personal Worship.

This is what we all really need - It is to be found in the presence of our King - A Touch Of Heaven.

Behind closed doors, no lights, no worship team, no runsheet - Just me & God.

Jesus had a habit of private prayer.

He regularly withdrew from the crowd to commune with God

Mark 1:35

“Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.”

In the same way Jesus desired “behind-the-scenes” time with His Father, we too can seek after intimate moments of thanksgiving and submission to The Father's will.

Jesus shows us that we can approach God as an individual who desires our company. Above the crowd, the gatherings, the Sunday service, we have a full-access-pass to Him. To know God is to know Him personally, not from afar, or intellectually, or Historically - but expressively intimate with His very character and being.

As young people it's important that we see the value of "carving out time". I know we all like to have that extra 5 hours sleep (especially in lockdown, lol...) But just like Jesus and David who were desperate to be in God's presence, they understood where their strength came from.

We find ourselves sometimes in a place of complete exhaustion because we don't take the time to find strength and we rely on yesterday's energy to carry us through. We feel frustrated and anxious about everything and we feel unsure about our future. We are vulnerable and NO! I need to be in His presence, I desire to be found in Him - Why? Because without Him I am lost!

The Things of this world crave my attention,
Yet when I seek Him, There I wholeheartedly find Him.
HE is faithful!

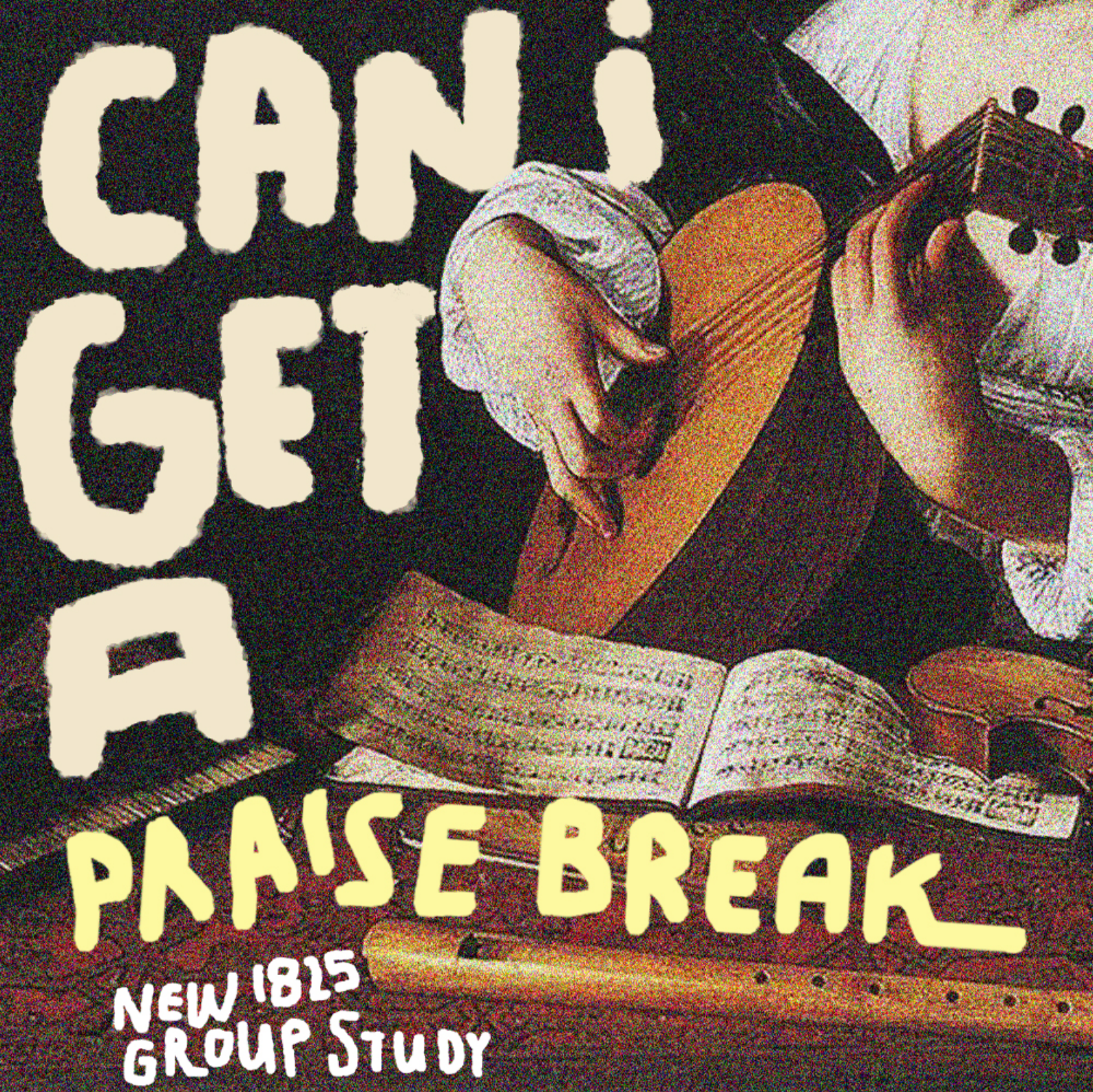
There is something beautiful that happens when I choose to be vulnerable in the presence of the Almighty - It's a posture of saying:
"I'm done trying on my own - Lord, Have your way!"

Application Questions:

1. Consider this week how you carve out time for Personal Worship? Write 1 paragraph of *why* you want to be found in the presence of God. Be clear of what your needs and prayers are.
2. What distracts you from spending intimate time with God on a daily basis? Write down 3 things and how you will overcome them.
3. Let's reflect on what your needs and desires are. Write down 3 things you are believing for and prayerfully submit this in your quiet time.

Prayer:

"Lord I thank you that you have given me this day, yet another opportunity to know you deeper, I know you desire for me to know you intimately. Shake away any distraction that pulls me away from your Holy presence and ignite a fire in me that chases after Your will. In Jesus name, amen."



Touch of Heaven - Hillsong United

How I live for the moments
Where I'm still in Your presence
All the noise dies down
Lord speak to me now

You have all my attention
I will linger and listen
I can't miss a thing

Lord I know my heart wants more of You
My heart wants something new
So I surrender all

All I want is to live within Your love
Be undone by who You are
My desire is to know You deeper
Lord I will open up again
Throw my fears into the wind
I am desperate for a touch of heaven

You're the fire in the morning
You're the cool in the evening
The breath in my soul
All the life in my bones

There is no hesitation
In Your love and affection
It's the sweetest of all

Lord I know my heart wants more of You
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I open up my heart to You
I open up my heart to You now
So do what only You can
Jesus have Your way in me now (come on)

I open up my heart to You, yeah
I open up my heart to You now
So do what only You can
Jesus have Your way in me now

I open up my heart to You, yeah
I open up my heart to You now
So do what only You can
Jesus have Your way in me now

All I want is to live within Your love
Be undone by who You are
My desire is to know You deeper
Lord I will open up again
Throw my fears into the wind
I am desperate for a touch of heaven

'Cause all I want is to live within Your love
Be undone by who You are
My desire is to know You deeper
Lord I will open up again
Throw my fears into the wind
I am desperate for a touch of heaven