

Home Discipleship Group
University United Methodist Church, Lake Charles
Week of 3.5.18

Lyrics of worship song:

It feels like an ocean of sorrow is under my skin
Even the ocean eventually meets with the sand
Sorrow on sorrow, I'm waiting
Heavy I'm anticipating
Trusting the current, will carry me

You are my strength
You are my song
You are my salvation
You hold it all together
You hold it all together

We come with great expectations, and fears in our hearts
Send us Your light, as we're making our way through the dark
All of the earlier troubles
Chaos and pain they unravel
Looking ahead we rejoice in You

You are my strength
You are my song
You are my salvation
You hold it all together
You hold it all together

Like a stone, in the wasteland
I was useless, until You
Lifted high, in Your mercy
Out of sorrow and made new
Oh this mind, it can't measure
All Your favours in this world
So we shout in adoration
Holy, holy are You Lord

You are my strength
You are my song
You are my salvation
You hold it all together
You hold it all together
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Scripture to consider:

¹³ A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴ When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶ He would gladly have filled himself with ¹⁷ the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸ I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" ²⁰ So he set off and went to his father." Luke 11:13-20

Questions:

So here are three key questions for you to wrestle with together—

1. How is your soul? (Traditional Wesleyan Small Group Question)
2. In what ways have you experienced the entitlement from "below" like the younger brother and entitlement from "above" as displayed by the older brother in your life? In Lent, how does the "prodigal" nature of your life become more apparent to you?
3. How can we pray for you this week and during the season of Lent to be strengthened in God to experience grace and share that grace with others, even those that might believe, act, or see differently than you do?