

“WORD OF LIFE”

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✚ IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD (John 1:1)

- Heb. 6:18** - In order that by two unchangeable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we may have strong encouragement, **we who have fled for refuge** to lay hold of the **hope set before us**,
- Heb. 6:19** - Which we have as an **anchor of the soul**, both secure and firm and which enters within the veil,
- Heb. 6:20** - Where the **Forerunner**, Jesus, has entered for us, having become forever a High Priest according to the order of Melchizedek.
- Heb. 2:10** - For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and through whom are all things, in **leading many sons into glory**, to make the Author [**Captain**] of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

✚ LET US OFFER UP A SACRIFICE OF PRAISE CONTINUALLY TO GOD (Heb. 13:15)

*Jesus was the **Author** of faith in His life and in His path on earth.
The **life** He lived was a life of faith, and the **path** He walked was a path of faith.
In His life and path He originated faith.*

*Jesus, being the **Forerunner**, has **cut the way of faith**.
Wherever He went, it seems that there was a “mountain” or a “river” frustrating Him.
He cut the way of faith, closing the gaps and removing the mountains like the builder of a highway.*

*Christ is the **Captain** of faith.
He **carry us** through the pathway of faith in His footsteps.*

❖ The Lord is the **Forerunner**

- To cut the way of faith
 - He **took the lead** to pass through the **stormy sea**
 - He entered the heavenly haven to be the High Priest
 - the heavenly haven for our **refuge**, which we can now enter in our spirit
 - the **anchor** of our soul on a stormy sea
 - He has cut the way into glory.
- The Lord Jesus fled everything.
 - He entered into the Holy of Holies within the veil
 - He entered “*into that which is within the veil*,” that is, into the **presence of God**
 - that we may be brought into glory
 - He is the Forerunner in glory

❖ The Lord is the **Captain** of Salvation

- In His salvation Christ is **leading** an army of believers into glory.
 - Every day He is leading us into glory, into the expression of God.
 - He is the glory within us.
 - He is saving us into glory.
- Christ the Savior took the lead to fight through into glory.
 - The seed of glory was in Him and was fighting its way out.
 - the life of Jesus was a **life of fighting**

- He was **always fighting** the battle for the seed of glory.
- He **fought** that the glory might come out and that He might **be brought into glory**.
- He fought for His glorification, and His fighting paved the way into glory.
- He is the Captain of salvation **leading** God's many sons into His glory.

✚ WITH ONE ACCORD ... WITH ONE MOUTH **GLORIFY THE GOD** (Rom. 15:6)

- ✚ Our Forerunner, Lord Jesus fled everything, to be in the presence of God. He is minister to us that we may be brought into glory. He is the **Forerunner** in glory; Christ entered into glory as the **Pioneer**.
- ✚ As the One in glory, He is the **Captain** of our salvation, who came into us and now dwells in our spirit.
- ✓ In His coming into us He brought the glory into us.
 - ✓ **He came into us to be the glory**, to be the seed of glory.
 - ✓ Now we all have this seed of glory, that is, the Captain of salvation Himself, within us, leading us into glory, into the expression of God.

(The Conclusion of the New Testament Ch. 29, points 7 & 8)
[This "word of life" was inspired by The Elder's Training Book 8, Ch. 4]

HYMN 1290	God in Christ drew me—Sweet is the story	HYMN 36
<p>1 O Lord, we've seen Your purpose to bring the many sons To share in Your full glory and see Your kingdom come. We praise You, Lord, this glory is You, Yourself within, Spread out in all Your people to shine in all of them.</p> <p>2 Since we received Your life, Lord, a seed's been growing there: The seed of inward glory, the glory we will share! By growing 'til the blossom of glory blooms in full, We'll thus enjoy Your increase and glory bountiful.</p> <p>3 Hail! Captain of Salvation! Our heav'nly Pioneer! Our praises, midst the battle and tumult, You will hear. We're following our Captain all through the mighty fray. Our glorious, faithful Captain sustains us all the way.</p> <p>4 Lord, fighting on to glory, You now have gone before; Now fighting in Your footsteps we'll conquer o'er and o'er. From glory unto glory, we'll fight until we see The glory from within us shall manifested be.</p> <p>5 Then, Lord, at last the fighting and battle cry will cease, And we'll appear in glory, Your kingdom and increase. That day we'll be completed, that day Your face we'll see, For in that blessed day, Lord, we'll in the glory be!</p>	<p>1 God in Christ drew me—Sweet is the story: Though we were fallen, God sent His Son! Christ stooped to woo me, leaving His glory, With "cords of man, and with bands of love."</p> <p><i>Chorus</i> God in Christ drew me, God in Christ drew me, With "cords of man, and with bands of love," God in Christ drew me, God in Christ drew me, With "cords of man, and with bands of love."</p> <p>2 Life of compassion, kind words and gestures, God's love revealed in His human ways, Feasting with sinners, healing the lepers, How deep His pity, mercy and grace!</p> <p>3 Christ was uplifted, draws all men to Him: The cross of Christ—O fathomless love! By men afflicted, by God forsaken, There He redeemed us by His shed blood.</p> <p>4 All of death's forces could not subdue Him; Seed of the Woman, Satan He trod, Broke all our bondage, raised us up with Him, Made us alive, brought us into God.</p> <p>5 This Man ascended—highest place given: Lord, Christ, and Leader, Savior of all! Beloved Master, King, and Redeemer, Highest name "Jesus!" gladly we call!</p> <p>6 This our confession, Christ is our Savior, Our God has raised Him on the third day, His love transforms us for His good pleasure, Builds us up into His dwelling place.</p>	<p>1 We praise Thee, glorious Father, As objects of Thy grace, Who for Thine own heart's pleasure Are now before Thy face: Thy sons marked out for glory Known from eternity With Christ Thy Well-beloved, Object supreme to Thee.</p> <p>2 Who else but Thee, O Father, Could in Thine only Son So bless us with Thy Spirit, And have us for Thine own? Soon shall we be forever With Christ in glory; then We'll shine in His blest image Eternally, Amen!</p>