THE TRUTH IN SONG

PSALM 95:1

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Hi there!

Welcome to Barah Ministries...a Christian Church based in Mesa, AZ...my name is Pastor Rory Clark.

Songs do a great job of communicating the Word of God. Today, you'll hear a song from June Murphy's latest album...the *You Ran After Me* album...today's song is ALL BECAUSE YOU WANTED TO.

TODAY'S SONG

All Because You Wanted To

Why does God love us unconditionally? The easy answer is because He wanted to. First John, Chapter 4, Verse 8...

FIRST JOHN 4:8

The one who does not love unconditionally does not know God the Father, for God the Father IS unconditional love.

Why did God the Father send His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to die on a Cross so that we could live forever? The easy answer is because He wanted to. Romans, Chapter 5, Verse 8...

ROMANS 5:8

But God the Father demonstrates His own unconditional love toward all mankind, in that while we were yet sinners (as ungodly, unrighteous, unbelievers), Christ died instead of us.

When we commit personal sins, which represent disobedience to God and betrayal of the One who created us, why does God ALWAYS forgive us? The easy answer is because He wanted to. Psalm 103, Verse 12...

PSALM 103:12

As far as the east is from the west, so far has the Lord removed our transgressions from us.

MUSIC AND REFLECTION

Enjoy the Singing of The Lord's Praises

ALL BECAUSE YOU WANTED TO June Murphy

Here's June Murphy to sing the song she wrote and produced, which explains God's attitude toward His creatures...the song is called ALL BECAUSE YOU WANTED TO.

ALL BECAUSE YOU WANTED TO

You're God almighty
Your word is the air I breathe
You're my salvation
You died to set me free

ALL BECAUSE YOU WANTED TO

Your love's unconditional Unlike the love of man You're my foundation In your grace I stand

ALL BECAUSE YOU WANTED TO

And all because you wanted to You've chosen me...you made me new Righteous, blameless, holy, too! All because you wanted to

ALL BECAUSE YOU WANTED TO

All because you wanted to You made me yours...a saint in you A royal priest...heaven's citizen, too! All because you wanted to All because you wanted to

ALL BECAUSE YOU WANTED TO

You are my anchor You're the rock I stand on You are my compass You lead the path I'm on

ALL BECAUSE YOU WANTED TO

My Lord You are Sovereign You have no need of me Still I'm part of you You're indwelling me

ALL BECAUSE YOU WANTED TO

And all because you wanted to You've chosen me...you made me new Righteous, blameless, holy, too! All because you wanted to

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ALL BECAUSE YOU WANTED TO

You are the way...the truth...the life Called me from darkness to the light Because I wanted to...Lord...I believed Put my faith in you...and oh how I love You

ALL BECAUSE YOU WANTED TO

And all because you wanted to You've chosen me...you made me new Righteous, blameless, holy, too! All because you wanted to

ALL BECAUSE YOU WANTED TO

All because you wanted to You made me yours...a saint in you A royal priest...heaven's citizen, too!

ALL BECAUSE YOU WANTED TO

All because you wanted to All because you wanted to Just because you wanted...

ALL BECAUSE YOU WANTED TO

You set me apart, forgave me, too! You gave me faith, a hope in you... You chose to endure the Cross Because you wanted to!

Thanks June for reminding us about God's will, which is always for our benefit! Philippians, Chapter 3, Verse 20 says...

PHILIPPIANS 3:20

(As believers in Christ)...our citizenship is in heaven, from which heaven also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ...

He's a Savior who is coming back for us because He wants to!

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We dedicate the closing moments of our lesson today to anyone watching or to anyone listening who no longer wants to live under the slavery and the rulership of God's enemy, Satan...to anyone who does not have a relationship with the One and Only God...the God who loves you unconditionally...the faithful One...the one who forgives all of your sins...the One who wants to make you His possession...the One who wants to make YOU Spiritual Royalty...the one who wants you to be born again...the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Acts, Chapter 2, Verse 21 says...

ACTS 2:21

'And it shall be that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

Right now, if you want to be born again, you can call on the name of the Lord by telling God the Father that you believe in His Son, and that's the moment of eternal life for you. Believing in the Lord Jesus Christ is the best and most important decision you can make in your lifetime. A simple five-word request gets you to heaven... "Father, I believe in Christ." For a thief being crucified next to Jesus, it was a nine word request...Luke, Chapter 23, Verses 42 and 43...

LUKE 23:42-43

And the repentant thief was saying, "Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom!"//And Jesus said to him, "Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise."

Let today be the day you stop putting off the best decision of your life. You won't ever regret believing in the Lord Jesus Christ and counting on Him to accomplish your salvation. Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ...and you will be saved! Then, get to know Him! Grow, within the sphere of His grace, in the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. In John, Chapter 3, Verse 36, the Lord Himself says...

JOHN 3:36

"He who believes in the Son has eternal life (the resurrection life) right at that moment...but he who does not obey the command to believe in the Son will not see the resurrection life, but the wrath of God (the Lake of Fire) abides on him."

Come on out of slavery to Satan and into the freedom of being a bond-servant to God...living the resurrection life.

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Keep on singing. I'm Pastor Rory Clark.

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