

## **For the One**

### **Introduction**

You watched the movie, maybe you even got to go to the concert when they were on tour, either way I bet you were impacted by the “For the One” documentary movie by Brandon Lake and Phil Wickham. The songs, the behind the scenes look at the artists before and after the concerts, the personal background details about the artists, it was so good! Now, let’s go through the songs in the movie, the background information we learned about the artists and dive deeper!

This is a devotional that you can do with your family, friends, neighbors, church, really anyone! We will be going through the songs and reflecting on advice and words that Brandon and Phil gave us in the movie “For the One”. Each day will start with singing or listening to your favorite worship songs and then answering a couple of reflection questions about the songs and movie clips. Advice and facts about the artists will be included each day too so you have a bit more background on our favorite dudes, but it all is centered around the one, Jesus Christ!

A listing of the songs from the movie are included on the next page, each devotion will be focused on a song that they included in the movie. Even though there are about 12 songs in the movie, we will combine a couple so we end up with a 10-day devotional. You can cover the 10 days however you would like; it may take you two weeks by doing 5 each week and taking off on the weekend or you could do 10 days straight. You might only have a couple days a week to do a devotion so it may take you longer. Go at your own pace.

My prayer is that you continue to worship God. You grow closer to God through this study and learn more about him. You share about God with others and most importantly I hope you strengthen your relationship with Jesus and live your life for the one!

### **Songs in the movie**

- Praise you anywhere by Brandon Lake
- Joy in the house of the lord by Phil Wickham
- Graves to gardens featuring Brandon Lake
- I believe by Phil Wickham
- Count Em by Brandon Lake
- This is who I praise by Brandon Lake
- Sunday is coming by Phil Wickham
- Love of God by Brandon Lake & Phil Wickham
- Gratitude by Brandon Lake

### **Songs sung as clips**

- Homesick for heaven by Phil Wickham
- Hard-fought hallelujah by Brandon Lake

### **Lakeham – combined songs**

- Amazing Grace by Phil Wickham
- Honey in the rock by Brandon Lake

## **Day 1 – Devotional - Prayer**

### ***Listen to the Music***

I love that Brandon opens up the tour with “Praise you anywhere” and all that energy! You can just see the crowd is so excited and on their feet ready to worship!

Go ahead and listen to the song as you start out this devotion. The lyrics are in the back so you can sing along. Don’t be afraid to sing at the top of your lungs and praise the Lord!

### ***Beginning Prayer***

The movie opened up with prayer in an empty concert venue before the start of their show. Phil, Brandon and other crew members gathered before the concert to pray to the one, and for the lost one. As you open up this time in devotion, say a prayer to Jesus. Praise him, confess what’s on your heart and ask for him to speak to you through this devotion.

### ***Reflection***

I just love the behind the scenes look you get of the artists and the crew before and after the concert. Brandon, Phil and the crew pray together, have a time of confession and even take communion together. They truly have become a Christian worship brotherhood. Prayer is your communication with God and the only way to have a relationship with him. I know it wasn’t until I started a prayer journal that I really felt connected to God. Having that journal allowed me to get my thoughts and struggles out. I was able to be honest with God and develop a true relationship with him. Writing down my prayers helped me to focus so I could get my feelings out. It was also helpful to be able to go back and see how God answered my prayers. I always start out my prayers with a bit of structure and that starts with praise.

Praise and thankfulness for God help you to really see all the blessing that you have. When I am feeling down, I like to think of all God has blessed me with. I know this also is a great way to start out my prayers to God. I typically follow an acrostic that I learned at a middle school Christian conference. It’s TACOS! Who doesn’t love tacos?

T - thankfulness

A - adoration

C - confession

O - others

S - self

I really like this because not only is it easy to remember, but the order is important too. So, your prayers don't end up being just a request list, put your requests for yourself and others at the end. This way you are sure to get your praise in!

How do you feel about your prayer life? Are there any changes you would like to make to strengthen your prayer/ communication with God? Is there anything you would like to try to create more structure in your prayers or more praise for God?

As I think about Brandon Lake's song "Praise you anywhere," it makes me think of what Paul said in 1 Thessalonians about prayer.

- *1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (ESV)* <sup>16</sup> *Rejoice always,* <sup>17</sup> *pray without ceasing,* <sup>18</sup> *give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.*

There is a lot in these verses, but verse 17 is short and it says "pray without ceasing". It's important to be in constant communication with God. You don't actually need a ton of structure in your prayer, just talk to him throughout the day. That means praising him when something goes well, asking him for help when you face temptation and confessing when you mess up. Prayer is what you want to make it!

As you can tell, praise and adoration for God has no boundaries. You can worship and give God praise any and everywhere, as the song describes. Do you see yourself praising God everywhere or only at church? What things can you do to start praising him everywhere?

### ***Ending Prayer***

As you wrap up the devotion for the day, reflect on the song you heard and praise God one more time! We praise God anywhere and everywhere! Praise him on the mountain when things are good or in the valley when things are tough or you are in a period of waiting. He is worthy of our praise and we have countless reasons to be thankful for him. He blesses us every day and every night. So, praise him anywhere!

**Praise you anywhere by Brandon Lake**

Sometimes you gotta dance through the darkness  
Sing through the fire  
Praise when it don't make sense  
Sometimes you gotta stare down the giant  
Worship from the lion's den

Sometimes you gotta shout it from the mountain  
Louder in the valley  
Trusting that He's gonna get you there  
Sometimes you've gotta welcome the wonder  
Wait for the answer  
Worship with your hands in the air

**Chorus:**

I'll praise you anywhere  
Praise, give Him praise, give Him praise  
In my highest grace, give Him praise, give Him praise  
In my highest, He is worthy  
Yes, He is worthy of all of the praise

Sometimes you've gotta praise in the prison  
Cry out to heaven  
Shout it 'til the doors swing wide  
Sometimes you've gotta stand on your shackles  
Brave in the battle  
Worship with your hands held high

Chorus 2x

Faithful all my life  
Blessings day and night  
Countless reasons why  
I'll praise You anywhere

Every promise kept  
Goodness every step  
Each and every breath  
I'll praise You anywhere

Repeat above 2x

Chorus

Oh I'll praise You anywhere  
Oh, mountain, oh, valley  
I know that You're with me there  
I'll praise You anywhere

## **Day 2 – Devotional - Joy**

### ***Listen to the Music***

The energy on the tour continues with Phil Wickham's "Joy in the house of the Lord"! After Brandon sang "Praise you anywhere" it was Phil's turn to pump up the crowd with "Joy in the house of the Lord" and he did not disappoint.

Take a listen to the song. Don't forget the lyrics are in the back so you can sing along. Let's bring a little joy to this house!

### ***Beginning Prayer***

As you begin this day's devotion, think of all the things that bring you joy. Pray to God and thank him for the joy he has brought into your life.

### ***Reflection***

You can just tell that worshipping the Lord in front of the crowd is something that brings Phil and Brandon joy. Brandon talked about how when he was a kid he went to Christian concerts and that was what changed his life. He knew that was what he wanted to do.

I have to say it is something that brings me a lot of joy as well. Not that I am going to pursue being a singer or join a band, trust me I am not a good singer and have absolutely no musical talent. But I wholeheartedly love concerts!

As a kid/teenager I would go to concerts with friends and family, but I really didn't get introduced to Christian music until I was in college. I grew up outside of Philly and we didn't have (or at least I didn't know about it if we did) a KLove radio station. Growing up in the early 2000's I really wasn't exposed to Christian music and couldn't listen easily on the radio. It wasn't until I met my husband and got more involved in church that I discovered Christian contemporary music. Since I couldn't listen to it on the radio, my mother-in-law would buy me the WOW CDs every Christmas so I could hear the latest Christian hits of that year. In case you don't know what a WOW CD was, it was like the NOW CDs they used to have that had all the top hits of the year.

When I moved to Baltimore and Cincinnati, I had KLove and local Christian stations to listen to. I finally was able to go to my first Christian concert, which was a MercyMe concert and guess who was the opener, Phil Wickham!

Now, something that really brings me joy is Christian concerts. I love worshipping the Lord with thousands of other people. Hearing the music super loud, singing at the top of my lungs with my hands in the air, praising God. I truly can say Christian concerts bring me joy!

What brings you joy? Have you shouted out to the Lord in praise for this joy? What has he done for you that you need to praise him for in joy?

The bible has many verses about joy. See a few of them below and circle which one relates to you the most:

- *Philippians 4:4 (ESV) Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice.*
- *Romans 15:13 (ESV) May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.*
- *Psalms 16:11 (ESV) You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.*
- *Psalms 118:24 (ESV) This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

It is amazing when we can share our joy with others. Is there something that you can do to bring someone else joy this week?

### ***Ending Prayer***

Now that you have completed the devotion, let's end in prayer. Reflect on the song you sang and give praise to God one more time! We worship the God that heals, saves, always makes a way. Because we are forgiven, accepted and redeemed through his death. He hung on that cross for us so we are so thankful. He rose from the grave and we were joyful. So we shout out our praise!

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*Brandon met Phil when they were 17 and 23, respectively at a musical school. They both attended Christian concerts as kids, and it changed their lives; this is what they want to do with their concerts.*

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**Joy in the house of the Lord by Phil Wickham**

We worship the God who was  
We worship the God who is  
We worship the God who evermore will be  
He opened the prison doors  
He parted the raging sea  
My God, He holds the victory

***Chorus***

There's joy in the house of the Lord  
There's joy in the house of the Lord today  
And we won't be quiet  
We shout out your praise

There's joy in the house of the Lord  
Our God is surely in this place  
And we won't be quiet  
We shout out your praise  
(oh-oh, oh) we shout out Your praise  
(oh-oh, oh)

We sing to the God who heals  
We sing to the God who saves  
We sing to the God who always makes a way  
'Cause He hung up on that cross  
Then He rose up from that grave  
My God's still rolling stones away

***Chorus***

We were the beggars  
Now we're royalty  
We were the prisoners  
Now we're running free  
We are forgiven, accepted  
Redeemed by His grace  
Let the house of the Lord sing praise

***Chorus 3x***

We shout out Your praise  
There is joy in the house, there is joy in the house today  
We shout out Your praise  
We shout out Your praise



### **Day 3 – Devotional - Confession**

#### ***Listen to the Music***

After two very energetic songs, Brandon takes the lead and starts to sing a song I know you have sung at church, “Graves into gardens.”

Go ahead and listen to the song. Let the song fill your soul and raise up your hands. The lyrics are in the back so you can belt it out with Brandon.

#### ***Beginning Prayer***

Before you jump into the reflection questions, think about what your focus tends to be. Pray that God will put on your heart conviction as to what might be taking you away from him.

#### ***Reflection***

After Phil, Brandon and the crew are seen praying, they have a time of confession with one another. As it says in the “Graves into gardens” song, “I’m not afraid to show you my weakness”. Phil confessed that he was starting to focus on the numbers, numbers of followers, number of people in the shows and less on God. He felt convicted by God and it helped him to bring the focus and glory back to Jesus. It was really encouraging to see someone of Phil’s faith struggle with focusing on God, just like us normal people. There are so many things that pull for our attention and keep us away from God. The important thing is to identify when that is happening and confess it to God.

What tears my focus away from God is busyness. I like to be busy and do things and see people and while there are benefits to this, it also can take my focus off of God and onto the activity I am doing. As Phil confessed his focus lingering off of God, I also have felt convicted that my busyness is taking my focus off of God’s purpose for my life. It has called me to re-evaluate how I spend my time and make sure I am spending time with God and bringing the glory to him.

Is there anything that is taking your focus away from Jesus? What is that thing? Ask God to help you bring the focus back on him.

Confession is part of our prayer structure and something we are called to do. As John said in *1 John 1:9 (ESV)* *If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

Is there anything that you need to confess to God? Use the space below to confess your sin to God and accept his forgiveness.

The crew also takes communion together. As the bible says, in *1 Corinthians 11:24-25 (ESV)* <sup>24</sup> *and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.* <sup>25</sup> *In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."*

I like how both of these verse end with "Do this in remembrance of me." Communion is performed in remembrance of Jesus' body and blood that was shed for our sins. Don't let your focus come off of Jesus, remember what he did for you.

### ***Ending Prayer***

As you wrap up the devotion for the day, reflect on the "Graves into gardens" song and let God know how much you love him. We worship God as only he can fill us and put us back together. There is nothing better than him. He turns shame into glory and he is the only one that can. So we thank you Lord!

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*To bring the Summer of Worship tour together there are 7 semis, 6 buses, over 100 people in the crew with 2 bands coming together! It is a big production and an amazing collaboration each night Phil and Brandon perform.*

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# **Graves into gardens by Brandon Lake and Elevation Worship**

I searched the world  
But it couldn't fill me  
Man's empty praise  
And treasures that fade  
Are never enough

Then You came along  
And put me back together  
And every desire  
Is not satisfied  
Here in Your love (hey)

## ***Chorus***

Oh, there's nothing better than You  
There's nothing better than You  
Lord, there's nothing  
Nothing is better than You

I'm not afraid  
To show you my weakness  
My failures and flaws  
Lord, You've seen 'em all  
And You still call me friend

'Cause the God of the mountain  
Is the God of the valley  
There's not a place  
Your mercy and grace  
Won't find me again

Chorus 2x

You turn mourning to dancing  
You give beauty for ashes  
You turn shame into glory  
You're the only one who can

Repeat above

You turn graves into gardens  
You turn bones into armies  
You turn seas into highways  
You're the only one who can  
You're the only one who can

Chorus 2x

You turn graves into gardens above 2x