



# SERMON SUMMARY

## Hosanna! Save Us Now

*Insights from Pastor Dwayne Hooper's Sermon*

"Hosanna" is both a cry for help and a declaration of praise. Pastor Hooper reminds us that we don't always have to begin with pain to move toward God. Sometimes the breakthrough comes when we turn our attention to Him through prayer, truth, and praise. In every season, one truth remains steady: you are still a child of God, and that identity anchors your hope.

### 1. YOU DON'T ALWAYS HAVE TO START WITH PAIN



Sometimes the path to praise begins by focusing on God rather than rehearsing the problem. Turning our attention to Him can shift our perspective.



Reflection: What would it look like to focus on God instead of your situation today?

### 2. YOUR IDENTITY NEVER CHANGES



Circumstances rise and fall, but your identity in Christ remains the same. You are still a child of God on both your best and your hardest days.



Reflection: How does your identity in Christ shape the way you see your current situation?

### 3. LAMENT LEADS TO HOPE



The psalmist speaks truth to his own soul, choosing hope even in the face of distress. Faith sometimes means redirecting your thoughts back to God.



Reflection: Where might you need to remind yourself to "put your hope in God"?

#### 4. PETITION CAN BE SIMPLE AND HONEST



Prayer doesn't have to be complicated. A simple cry like "God, I need You" is enough.



**Reflection:** What simple request do you need to bring before God today?

#### 5. THE PIVOT IS CHOOSING TRUTH OVER FEELINGS



Even when emotions are strong, God's Word provides a steady foundation. Turning to truth helps reframe our perspective.



**Reflection:** What truth from Scripture can you hold onto in this moment?

#### 6. PRAISE IS A DECISION OF FAITH



Praise is not based on circumstances but on hope in who God is. It is a choice to trust Him, even when life is uncertain.



**Reflection:** How can you choose praise today, regardless of how you feel?

## TODAY'S FAITH CHALLENGE



Take a quiet moment to reflect on the insights above. Which truth speaks most clearly to your heart right now? Consider how God may be inviting you to cry out to Him, anchor yourself in truth, and respond with praise.

- What is your honest prayer to God right now?
- Where do you need to shift your focus from feelings to truth?
- What step can you take to choose praise in this season?