

WHAT IF: A Journey to Creativity

Poetry Workshop: The Joy of Discovery



**To inspire, redeem, and release creative talents
of God's people for His Kingdom!**

As a creative expression, poetry is a part of our daily lives through advertisements, popular songs, rhymes, and hymns, etc. Having a long history in the literature and biblical world, it crosses gender, political, and cultural boundaries. At its deepest level, poetry voices the human experience, heart, and soul. Poetry has the capability to change societies, challenge cultures, and bring to ordinary people eye-opening concepts, visions, and experiences. Poetry has the ability to capture the most intimate and tormenting moments of life. **Poetry is a celebration of "self!"** It is intimate, passionate, personal, and far-reaching!

Using descriptive imagery, poetry is found in many forms of writings including Books of the Bible such as Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, etc. Enhancing the reader's imagination and participation, poetry is descriptive and dramatic as it ebbs and flows with rhythms of intense emotion. *Its' illustrative language embodies the very soul of the writer as well as the theme, objects, or characters chosen to be written about.* Poetry demands emotional response from the audience. Poetry can even be conveyed as a song without musical notes. Poetry is awe-inspiring communication that can be used to celebrate God, His creation, and life!

Linda Rogers, teacher and poet, writes: "The first thing a student asks when asked to write poetry is 'What will I write about?' The best writing is that which reveals something which is true for the reader and the writer. Art helps us to understand ourselves and our world better. For a poem to work, we have to believe it. There is only one human story. The miracle is there as are so many ways of telling it. [We must] be encouraged to appreciate [our] own lives as rich sources of information."

Today I challenge you to give freedom to your poetic side! As our heavenly Father is creative, so are we as His children! Allow your point of view, tone, and beckoning of imagination to be emphasized. Choose your theme with your perspective for what "you" would like to express!
LET'S CELEBRATE LIFE!

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"A Poem Is a Little Path" by Charles Ghigna

A poem is a little path
That leads you through the trees.
It takes you to the cliffs and shores,
To anywhere you please.

Follow it and trust your way
With mind and heart as one,
And when the journey's over,
You'll find you've just begun.

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Amazed By YOU!

LORD, I am amazed by You each day!

And, as I allow You to have Your way -
I see Your beauty even more,
As You Lead me through The Way!

I can't imagine You not in our lives!

Nor can I see the Light without Your eyes!
For we give You all the Glory,
And are determined to worry not about tomorrow!

As fleeting days go by,

You continue to be by our side,
Even the narrow place becomes wide!

OH, HOW WE LOVE YOU SO!

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**Inspired By:*

Revelation 4:11 (NIV): "You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being."

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Poetry Workshop: Psalm 46



"A Look at the Poetic Device of Imagery"

PSALM 46

¹ God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

² Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;

³ Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. Selah.

⁴ There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High.

⁵ God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, and that right early.

⁶ The heathen raged, the kingdoms were moved: he uttered his voice, the earth melted.

⁷ The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah.

⁸ Come, behold the works of the LORD, what desolations he hath made in the earth.

⁹ He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth; he breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder; he burneth the chariot in the fire.

¹⁰ Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.

¹¹ The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah.