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## Chapter And Verse

### In the Time That You Gave Me

You don't have to enjoy Country music, or specifically Country Gospel music to appreciate what has been on my mind for several months, but it helps! Lately, I have had two country gospel songs that I keep returning to – “Jesus, It's Me Again,” and “In the Time That You Gave Me.” The version of “In the Time...” that I like is sung by Bradley Walker and blended with a recording made by Joey Feek prior to her death. The lives of each of these singers is key to understanding the significance of this song.

Joey Feek went from being a server in a local diner to country singing star in the husband-and- wife duo of Joey and Rory. In 2014 she was blessed with a daughter they named Indiana. Indiana has Down Syndrome. Also, in 2014 she was diagnosed with Cervical cancer which, despite surgery and treatment, continued to grow taking her life in 2016. She was 40 years old.

Bradley Walker, 43, was born with muscular dystrophy and has been confined to a wheelchair his entire life. Despite his affliction, Bradley pursued an education and his music. Presently, he is a materials analyst at the Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant and an accomplished Bluegrass singer. In 2007 Bradley was named Male Vocalist of the Year at the International Bluegrass Music Association Awards.

So, now back to the song “In the Time that You Gave Me.” I cannot listen to this song without reflecting on



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the singers, one who had delivered a down syndrome daughter and was suffering from incurable cancer. The other, confined to a wheelchair with little use of his limbs.

Together, they ask “Did I give all I could give; did I love all I could love; did I live all I could live, in the time that you gave me?” They end with the lyrics, “I’d like to think I did you proud in the time that you gave me, and “Did I do all I could do, in the time that you gave me.” Here we have two people who have suffered greatly during this life, and yet they are not asking for pity, rather they are asking if they have served God as well as they should have. Nearly every day I ask myself if I have served God to the best of my ability and with all my strength. Almost, every day the answer is “No.” That’s to be expected because we are human and deeply flawed, but I believe God asks us to strive toward doing all we can do for his kingdom. How are you doing? Are you stretching yourself to serve God and His people in ways that may be uncomfortable for you? May God continue to bless us and use us to bring His word and His love to this world.

Sharing our Earthy Journey,  
Ken Keipper

<sup>19</sup> We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup> Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. <sup>21</sup> And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister. - 1 John 4:19-21

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## Today is Ash Wednesday

Chapter and Verse was delivered to your inbox at 7:30am. Right now, Pastor Chris & Pastor Rafael are distributing ashes to parents while they travel through the drop off line delivering their children to school. In addition, students will receive ashes during Chapel. Students are divided into three Chapel groups at 8:30am, 9:00am, and 9:30am to keep groups small and abide by Covid recommendations.

Three Ash Wednesday services are scheduled for our members and the community - 12noon and 7:00pm (English

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language worship with ashes); and 1:00pm (Spanish language worship with ashes). From 5:00pm - 6:30pm the Pastors will be present at the church portico to provide "drive by" Ash Wednesday blessings and ashes. Choose your time, but be sure to include Ash Wednesday in your day.

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