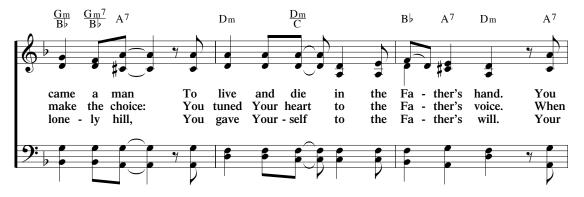
## In the Father's Hand

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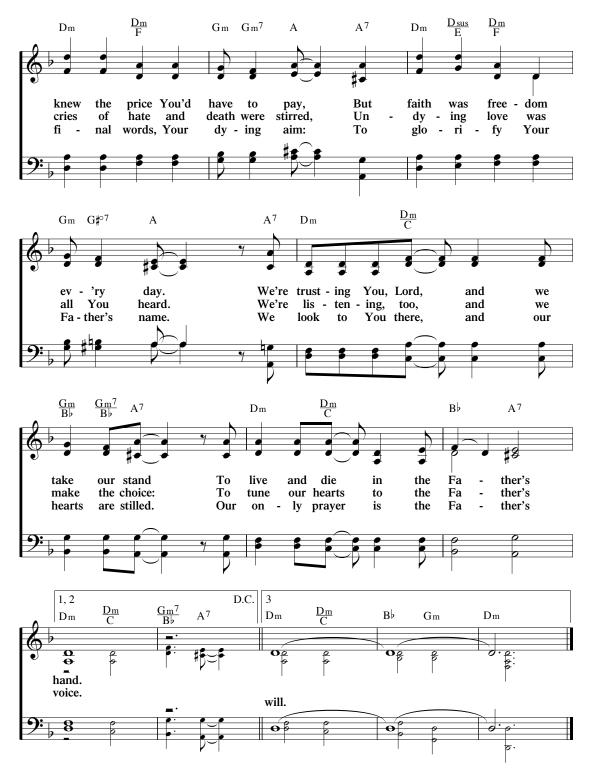




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TOPICS: Jesus' Suffering & Death; Consecration; Holiness; Life of Christ; Suffering for Christ

LEAD-IN: Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross! (Philippians 2:5-8, NIV)

## LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

## From the Father's Hand

Judas came to the grove, guiding a detachment of soldiers and some officials from the chief priests and Pharisees. They were carrying torches, lanterns, and weapons.

Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant, cutting off his right ear...

Jesus commanded Peter, "Put your sword away!

Shall I not drink the cup the Father has given me?"

(John 18:3, 10-11, NIV)

Jesus had said so much about His relationship with His Father. But as He is arrested, tried, humiliated, tortured, and killed, what do we *see* in their relationship?

Jesus' relationship with His Father gave Him confidence, peace, and authority even in the most threatening circumstances. Here Jesus was the only one being arrested, tried, beaten, and put in mortal danger. But the high priests, the crowds, the disciples, Judas, Pilate—everyone around Jesus—were filled with turmoil, anxious maneuvering, scheming, and fear. All the while, Jesus remained calm and unresisting, never defending Himself. The victim was in control.

Jesus was completely submissive to His Father, even when it meant excruciating pain physically, emotionally, and spiritually. He even brushed aside any attempts to save Him that would have side-stepped the Father's will.

Jesus' cup was bitter, but it came from the Father's loving hand, so He drank it willingly. His relationship with the Father took Him through the worst that life can bring.

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