

Pastor's Corner: "The Playlist of the Kingdom"

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Did you know that one of my Spotify playlists—just one of my *genre* playlists—is over **114 hours long**? That's nearly **five straight days** of non-stop music! For those unfamiliar, **Spotify** is a music streaming service that lets you build playlists with your favorite songs, artists, or styles—you can mix country with gospel, jazz with rock, or old hymns with contemporary worship.

I've got my playlists programmed kind of like we used to do back in my **radio days at Cumulus in Florence**—curated just right so that the music flows with rhythm and purpose. Some days, you need a little **country twang, other days classic hits, or just "sit on the dock of the bay with some r&b."** My playlists are all over the place, but that's what makes them *real*. Just like life—sometimes upbeat, sometimes reflective, always with a message.

Here's the thing: **life is a lot like a playlist**. Some moments feel upbeat, like a catchy chorus that makes you want to dance. Others are slow, reflective ballads that bring tears. Then there are those chaotic moments—like when a playlist is on shuffle and you think, "*What in the world is this doing here?*"

But the beauty of a playlist isn't just in the songs—it's in the way they all come together to tell a story. **And so, it is with God's kingdom.**

God's kingdom is like a divine playlist, made up of people from every walk of life. Some of us are high-tempo and loud; others are calm and steady. Some are just trying to find their rhythm. But when we submit to the Great Composer, **He takes every note—every trial, every joy, every broken lyric—and orchestrates a masterpiece that glorifies Him.**

Maybe your life feels off-beat lately. Maybe you're stuck on repeat or tempted to hit skip. But here's the Good News: **God doesn't give up on the song He's writing in you.** Philippians 1:6 reminds us, "*He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion.*" In other words, the playlist isn't finished yet.

So whether you're singing at the top of your lungs or barely whispering a verse—know that you're part of God's holy soundtrack. **Every life, every story, every voice has a place in the kingdom's playlist.**

Keep listening. Keep praising. And never stop believing that God is still writing your song.

In Christ,

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