



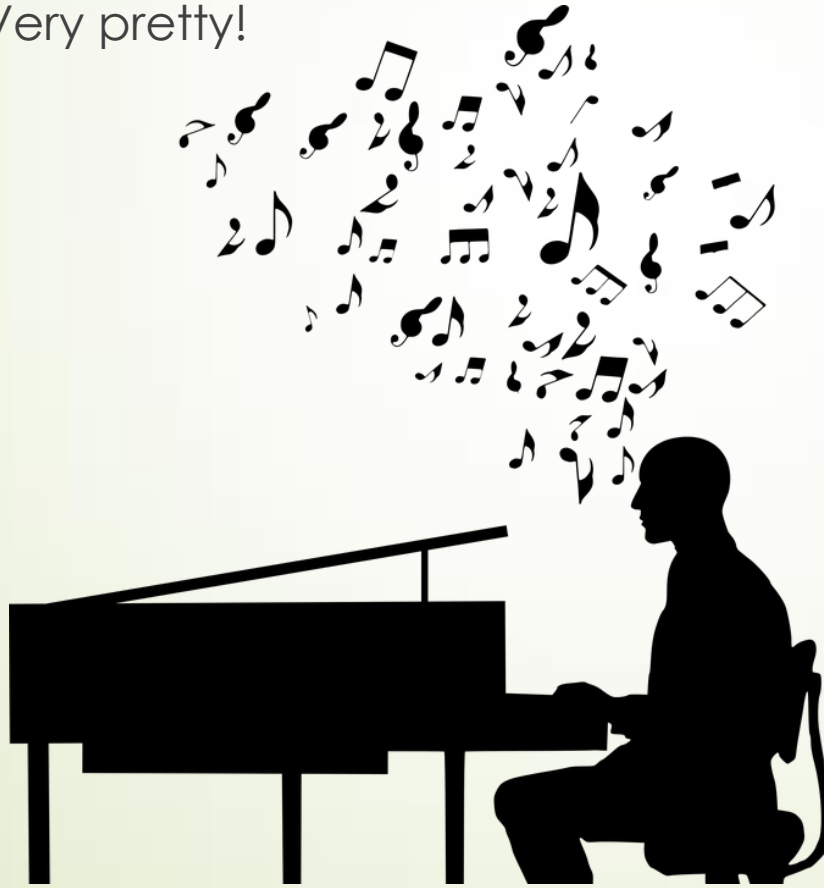
Proti sebastřednému životu

UPdate 2019: The discipline of praise

Scene: After a friend's piano recital

Response 1

- ▶ Very pretty!



Response 2

- ▶ You played with such confidence and precision—you must have spent months working on that!
- ▶ You mastered it.
- ▶ You played as if the piece were written just for you, just for that moment!
- ▶ I have been to many recitals, and I have rarely been so impressed!
- ▶ Your playing adds a beauty that makes my life richer.

“Fast” and “Slow” praise

Fast (response 1)

- Automatic, inattentive
- General
- Vague, cursory
- Clichéd
- Thoughtless
- Impersonal



Slow (response 2)

- Reflective, attentive
- Specific
- Detailed, descriptive
- Creative
- Insightful
- Personal



Discuss: praise and relationships

- What could slow or fast praise indicate about a relationship?
- How can slow and fast praise shape a relationship?
- What do slow and fast praise say about
 - our commitment to a relationship?
 - our investment in a relationship?
 - our enjoyment of a relationship?
 - our hopes and desires for the relationship?



Discipline is not an end in itself





Slow praise in the Bible

... is

Specific

- God's act or
- God's character
- Psalm 105

Detailed

- Narrative or
- Descriptive
- Psalm 105

Vivid

- Imagery
- Metaphors
- 105:39

... and describes

Mercy

- Loss avoided
- Disaster averted
- 130:3-4

Grace

- Gain
- Advantage
- 30:11-12

Greatness

- Comparison
- 89:6, 8

Facets of Christ's glory



Each of these
can be
an observation point

Slow praise of Christ the face of God

In response to **John 14:1-14**, 2 Corinthians 4:4-6, Hebrews 1:3, Colossians 1:15

Specific

Detailed

Vivid

- ▶ Holy Jesus, you are the only way to know the Father.
- ▶ You are like a living hologram of the Father, his perfect image.
- ▶ The way you love and care for us shows us how the Father loves and cares for us.
 - ▶ When you were going to suffer and die, you calmed the fears of your disciples.
 - ▶ When you left the disciples, you assured them you wanted to be with them.
- ▶ If you had not consented to come into the world, we could not have known the Father and his love.
 - ▶ Because you want to be with us, we know the Father wants to be with us.
 - ▶ Because our fears touched you, we know they touch the Father.
- ▶ There are many philosophers and teachers in the world, but only you show us the Father.

Mercy

Grace

Greatness



Slow praise of Christ the God-man

In response to John 1:1-18, Hebrews 2:14-16, Matthew 8:27, 1 Peter 1:10-12



Specific



Detailed



Vivid



Mercy



Grace



Greatness



Slow praise of Christ's humility

In response to Hebrews 10:5-10, Philippians 2:5-8, John 13:1-5



Specific



Detailed



Vivid



Mercy



Grace



Greatness

Slow praise of Christ the love of God

In response to Galatians 2:20; 1 John 3:16, Revelation 1:5-6

Specific

Detailed

Vivid



Mercy

Grace

Greatness

Slow praise of Christ the Wisdom of God

In response to Ephesians 3:8-10, 1 Corinthians 1:24

Specific

Detailed

Vivid



Mercy

Grace

Greatness

Slow praise of Christ the Victor

In response to Isaiah 63:1-5; Hebrews 2:14-15; Revelation 5:6-14

Specific

Detailed

Vivid



Mercy

Grace

Greatness

Slow praise of Christ the King

In response to Acts 5:29-32; Hebrews 1:3-4

Specific

Detailed

Vivid



Mercy

Grace

Greatness

Slow praise of Christ in the Old Testament

In response to Luke 24:13-32; Numbers 21:6-9 and John 3:1-21

Specific

Detailed

Vivid



Mercy

Grace

Greatness

Slow praise of Christ the Suffering Servant

In response to Isaiah 53, Revelation 5:6-14, 1 Peter 1:10-11

Specific

Detailed

Vivid



Mercy

Grace

Greatness