



CONNECTING AND EQUIPPING YOU TO REACH THE WORLD

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### Introduction

Faithful Bloggers is a community for Christian bloggers. Our purpose is to provide a common ground where we can encourage one another to use our blogs for the glory of God. While we want to mix and mingle and have fun, our purpose is to help you build a blog that will glorify the Lord while also strengthening your relationship with Him.

## Why was Faithful Bloggers started?

As blogging continues to grow in popularity, a wonderful benefit to this "hobby" has arisen. The ability to meet new friends and form relationships is easier than ever. For those who are in rural areas or are housebound in some way, meeting someone is as easy as turning on your computer and relaying your thoughts. For Christians a challenge becomes apparent. Due to the rampant ungodliness that abounds on the Internet, the world of blogging is an overwhelming and often scary place to be. Where can a person who is striving to live the Christian life find an online area of common ground where she can build those godly relationships? Searching for Christian bloggers can be achieved through a simple search. It is overwhelming, however, to find that sense of community with a common purpose – becoming holy and serving our God – when we limit it to just searching through a search engine. Thus, Faithful Bloggers was born.

# **The Project**

Faithful Bloggers issued a group writing challenge to write Christian Haiku. Haiku is a form of Japanese poetry which originated in the 16th century. It is a pattern of 3 lines of poetry. The three lines contain specific numbers of syllables, the first line has 5 syllables, the second 7 syllables and the third line has 5 syllables. Here is an example from Tom DiFrancesca III of http://www.4u-lord.com.

Immeasurable Like snowflakes falling quickly God's grace pouring down

Many contributors accepted the challenge to write Christian Haiku, the following pages are filled with the outpouring of their faith beautifully expressed through Christian Haiku. Each contributor was allowed to submit up to 10 Haiku. Some submitted just one, others submitted anywhere up to 10. We hope you enjoy them and they bless you.

Thank you to those who contributed.

# Christian Haiku Group Writing Project April 2017

Submitted by: Amy Hagerup

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I'm such a sinner Saved by His amazing grace Wrapped in forgiveness

Submitted by: Jeff Lupinacci

Yahweh sent His Son to die for us on the cross and opened Heaven

God hopes we choose Him to spend eternity there Heaven can be home

Love in such a way displaying heavens kingdom bringing joy to all

Be a positive influence on your city demonstrating love

The silver lining in all tragedy around is Gods perfect love

# Submitted by: Kristal Dollar

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Unfathomable
The depth of his love for us
Children of The LORD

Inexplicable
His presence alive in me
Grace pulsating life

Undeniable
The finished work of the cross
His blood ransomed me

Impenetrable
The fortress of God my King
Secure by His Might

Excruciating
Bearing the pain of my sin
Loved me to the cross

Impermeable
Death has lost its power
Blood retains the keys

Majestically
Jesus ascends to heaven
To prepare my home

Exhuberantly
My heart listens for His call
I am Homeward bound

Gratuitously
I was created for love
To be loved by Him

Indispensable
Life's necessity for God
Without which I die

# Submitted by: Marshall V Pierce

Blog: http://SharingGodsStory.net

## **Title: Temptation**

Nothing to be faced That is not common to all Christ paid the way out

## **Title: In Recovery**

One day at a time
He strengthens me for battle
Overcoming lusts

## Title: Saved!

I'll never forget
That moment of salvation
My world turned around

## **Title: A Joyful Noise**

Sing a song of praise A joyful noise accepted I give all I have

# **Title: The Twelve Steps**

Admit. Believe. Turn. Examine. Amends. Service. These are the twelve steps

## **Title: Serenity Prayer**

Accept what I can't change Courage for changing myself Serenity is found

#### **Title: Overcome**

By the blood of Christ And sharing testimony Good news is heard

#### **Title: Creator God**

A creator God
The maker of ev'rything
He made me to love

## Title: He Brings the Rain and Sun

Rainy days will come But they won't last forever He clears clouds away

## **Title: Faithful Bloggers**

Faithful Bloggers write
Spreading the Good News around
All the earth will read

# Submitted by: Matthew Zilske

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He walked on water why then when waves loom do you sleep with the fishes

# Submitted by: Denise L. Deck

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A pit of despair

Jesus met me in that place

His arms around me

Little Zacchaeus Small Stature didn't stop him Climbed a tree to see

Mary and Martha
Invited him to their home
Close Friends to Jesus

No warm reception
She washed his feet with her tears
True love in action

Abram and Isaac Traveled far to sacrifice God supplied the lamb

Murdered on a tree Crushing death he rose day three Saving sinner-me

> In six days He did it Created a lovely world Still working on me

# Submitted by: Nichole Gause

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The smell of flowers, the earthy scent of Spring rain speaks to His mercies.

Submitted by: Anonymous

I'm fighting to win
I don't know the war inside
Is already won

So dead in my sin
I shun the arms open wide
Of God's only Son

I'm fading away
I don't know that I am weak
In darkness I roam

So I turn to pray For strength from God I must seek His arms are my home

Wipe their tears away Comfort them in their despair Fill them with your strength

# Submitted by: Lynn Dove

Website: Journey Thoughts: https://lynndove.com/

Undaunted I rise
From within the tomb of woe
Risen once for all!

He lived, breathed, and walked Amongst us; the Perfect Lamb Of God, our Saviour.

I once was lost but Now I'm found alive in Christ Redeemed forever.

> Easter lilies bloom Triumphantly rejoicing Near the empty tomb.

I wept in despair
Trapped in sin, until His Love
Claimed me for His own!

The Three Crosses stood Testament to Golgotha's Pain but Christ's Triumph.

The mountains declare His Glory, His Majesty Beyond any words.

Darkness has no hold When Light overpowers it. Rejoice in the Son!

# Submitted by: Beth Cullett

http://shakingmydust.blogspot.com

# Legacy

Ripe fruit hanging low. Promises whispered softly. One bite shared with all.

# Courage

Guarded doors, gilded columns. Breath suspended, the scepter will decide.

## **Faith**

Storm clouds looming and darkness gathering, then comes a ray of soft light.

# **Forgiveness**

Hair unveiled over alabaster shards and tears quiets all save one.

# Regret

A wooden boat on solid ground. A closed door and a fat drop of rain.

# Hope

Warm, dry hay and warm wet noses nestled against tiny hands unpierced.

# Submitted by: Christina Rhoads

Website: Let's Go Streaking

1.

Bless my breath, Oh Lord Rescue my words from hell's grip Whisper to my lips.

2.

Stomach says, "Stay tight" Lips are pinched like parrot's beak Heart stay soft, let in.

3.

Give up! Give in! Lead! All in my life swims around Reach! Grab! Hold to God!

4.

To have and to hold, And marry the true, without... God, leaves hole inside.

5.

The bitten apple Partaking in the bad fruit Then produce bad fruit.

6.

Breathe, breathe, holding breath Rigid body, rigid face Pleading, praying... God.

7.

Dove resting in son Lamb, white wool, peacefully sleeps Lion, sees, guards, roars!

8.

Showing my passion Not striving for perfection I will be the Church!

9

Stomach draw the pain What sustains, feeds, fills, comforts? Heart accept His love.

10.

God is my healer He's my restorative touch Dove, Lamb, Lion, my shield.

# Submitted by: Carol Ann Bynum

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Holy Spirit come Today answer my Prayer And bring to me peace

My light shines for you Be still and know I am God Do not be afraid

Lord never leave me Send your Angels for comfort In peace I will be

Gifts of the Spirit Come from the heavens above To bring joy and love

Oh Lord your presence Comforts me in my weakness And provides Guidance

Wipe their tears away Comfort them in their despair Fill them with your strength

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Shining rays of Love Roses by the garden gate Bow to His glory

His blood covers me Erases my many sins Makes me white as snow

# Submitted by: Yayl Wright

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Make room for Jesus Your heart will overflow with Love that knows no end

With mercy and grace
He can meet your deepest need
Make room for Jesus

Jesus, sent from God Humbly took on human form Love personified

To a darkened world Jesus, loving Lamb of God Came with light and life

## The Gift of Love

A night spent in prayer Then came a kiss to betray What a bitter taste

But all was not lost Lips of evil would bring death A taste of turmoil

> Out of death came life A resurrected Savior Taste this kiss of light

Jesus, born to die Offered Himself in our place Taste this gift of love

Everything is fresh
Death's hold has lost its power
Come taste of new life

Morning breaks in song
Dew sparkles with sun kissed light
Taste of untold joy

# Submitted by: Michael Jaymes

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## "Marvel"

Fix your eyes upon Your God and Your Creator; Marvel at His work.

## "Your Ways"

Your ways are true Lord. Put a longing in my heart I will seek your will.

## "Thankful"

Forever thankful How awesome is my Savior He has gave me life

## "From Darkness to Light"

I was in darkness,
But then He came and found me
I am now in light

## "His Love"

How wretched I was My works were as filthy rags Yet you still loved me

## "He Is Worthy"

Worthy is His name
Pure and perfect sacrifice
Paid the debt for me

#### "Grace"

Your grace continues
Like a stream that softly flows
It never runs low

## "Thank you, God"

Forever thankful
For blessings that you give me
For grace that was free

## "Purpose to Glorify"

You give me purpose This is my reason to live Glorify the king

## "Abundant in Love and Mercy"

In this I find joy Your mercy is plentiful Your love never ends

# Submitted by: Maude Pych

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1

If death were His end we'd all be shattered vessels--Resurrection is!

2

A tired pilgrim falls asleep on the tour bus clutching his Bible

3

God shines joy! Big! Bold! Earth umber haloed in gold--Sunflower. Full bloom.

4

Lion of Judah--God's Face in a sunflower; His mane is ablaze!

5

Somewhere in Heaven there's a bottle of my tears-even the dry ones.

6

My sad sunflower nods its golden head in prayer it's nine/eleven

7

Ocean Grove morning A multitude of angels somersault to shore

8

On Ocean Grove beach A Cross atop a sand dune is a seagull's perch

9

It's Rosh Hoshanna--Shofars blow beneath the moon and crickets join in

10

You are the dear lamb the Shepherd holds near His heart. Oh! How He loves you!

# Submitted by: Nancy Marie Stubbs

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Encounter with God Surrounded with Love and Grace Stand in His Glory

Abiding with God always
Building strength through your trials
Living the Love of God

Breathing in God's grace The fragrance of forgiveness Filling with perfect peace

A kite needs the wind Stars shine brighter in the dark Growth after the rain

Forgiveness through faith
Perfection found in His peace
Bitterness removed

Abide in God's love Treasure your relationship More than religion

We're one in the flesh
Dreaming. Hoping together
God's Love in the world

Abiding as one
Our Hopes, dreams, laughter, sorrow
Living the Love of God

Journey to your joy Forgiveness, love, faith, and peace The light for your path

> Declutter your heart Grudges all handed to God Perfectly peaceful

# Submitted by: Shirley Johnson

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God renews, restores dew drops, raindrops, morning sun Refreshing the soul with love

Always loving you a far way off grace sees you welcoming you home

Forgotten, let go waves wash over the sandy shore Heart of forgiveness

House built on a rock
Sandy soil makes one to sink
Be a wise builder

Too busy to hear slow down, listen, learn of Him The housework can wait

Faithful diligence all aboard, God shut the door His promise revealed

Unknown history
Where you are God will meet you there refreshing the soul

Submitted by: Kimberly Banks

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Irresistible
Addicting love from above
God is all I need

# Submitted by: Jara Wohlford

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Almighty Father Holding me, His baby child. His love keeps me safe.

Sunshine, dirt, and rain.
Flowers bloom fresh in the Spring.
God's beautiful world.

Take out your sword now. The word of God is alive, Sharp and powerful.

Sweeter than chocolate. God's love is better than life. Sparklier than gold.

Infinite wisdom, Omniscient, omnipotent. He is the true God.

Smarter than Batman. Jesus, my superhero. Stronger than the Hulk.

I am moved by Him. His love makes me dance in streets. Like David, I whirl.

> He wants us with Him. Revelation is coming. Jesus will be back.

Cast your nets and lines. We are now fishers of men. What will your catch be?

Peru to Asia, All around the whole wide world, God is always there.

# Submitted by: Kristin Spann

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Inescapable
His eyes, watching over us
Not for harm, for good
2 Chronicles 16:9, Jeremiah 29:11

Undeniable
His love, laid down on the cross
Broken for us all
John 3:16

Unbelievable
His life, offered to us all
if we just believe
John 10:10

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His grace is enough Passing through my soul Living in thankfulness

Guided by a voice Calm as a whisper, gentle Not in the earthquake or fire

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