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UNBROKEN PRAISE

[THE STORY BEHIND THE SONG]

AT ABBEY ROAD STUDIOS



LOUDER

I wrote Louder with my friends Jonas Myrin and Jason Ingram, thinking of it as a call to worship. The chorus comes from Psalm 66:2's instruction to 'make His praise glorious,' and I love the way that two other translations put it: the English Standard Version calls on us to 'give Him glorious praise' and The Message urges us to 'sing songs to the tune of His glory, set songs to the rhythm of his praise.'

We can choose to make His praise joyful, to make it reverent, or all sorts of things, but one thing we have to do is make it glorious. Why? Because God is glorious. His praise can't be anything but.

My favorite lyric from the song is found in the pre-chorus — 'the greater the storm the louder our song.' I think that should be a motto for our lives as worshippers, that even when the storms rush in and we find ourselves getting challenged or pressured in some way, that we don't go silent on God or choose to mute our praise of Him.

When life's tough, that's the perfect time to accelerate our journey to the throne room of God. There's no better time to amplify our praise than when we're facing opposition.

Why? Partly because it's good for us but there's another reason, an even deeper, more powerful one: because no matter how fierce the storm we're facing, God's just as glorious as He ever was.