

## Be Ready

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### I CAN ONLY IMAGINE



*Surrounded by Your glory  
What will my heart feel?  
Will I dance for you Jesus?  
Or in awe of You be still?  
Will I stand in Your presence?  
Or to my knees will I fall?  
Will I sing Hallelujah?  
Will I be able to speak at all?  
I can only imagine*

Some day, all believers will stand before Jesus in heaven. We will stand there, not as a group, but individually, independently, all alone, face-to-face with our Creator, our Lord, our Savior.

I got to wondering. What will I do? How will I react?

I can only imagine!

This famous song, written and performed by MercyMe, should make all believers think about how they will respond to the future face-to-face encounter with Jesus.

And, you know, there is not one right answer.

Some of us will just stand there in awe, in reverence, not "*able to speak at all*".

I kind of feel like that will be my reaction.

I mean, you're finally standing before Jesus! There is nothing between you and him, no distractions, no place to hide!

You realize that he loves you so much that he came to this Satan-infested planet to rescue you, at the cost of his own life.

And that's exactly what he did – he rescued you.

You were hanging over the edge of a fiery hell, by a very thin rope. Once the rope burned through enough, you would fall, fall, fall, into an everlasting, eternal, blazing, place of torment.

But God (don't you just love it when God steps in?) loves us so much that he provided an escape, a rescue, from that awful life-or-death scenario.

He realized that only a part of himself, his son Jesus Christ, could save you. Jesus is all-God and all-man. He is the only one who could provide salvation, deliverance, escape, rescue, for your very soul.

But Jesus had to be willing to sacrifice himself to make the rescue-mission successful.

Because of his love for you, from before time began, he forsook his heavenly position, at the right hand of God, and came down to provide that critical lifeline that would reconcile you to God.

All each of us has to do is respond to his outstretched hand, to the life preserver being offered from our Lifeguard.

The second you believe in the power of this Lifeguard, and reach out to take the life preserver, you will be rescued.

Now let's turn the story back around to me. I was once hanging by a thread, at the edge of an everlasting fiery furnace, when the great Lifeguard offered the life preserver to me. I reached out and took it, and was immediately pulled from certain eternal death to a life more wonderful than I can imagine.

So, when I think about how I will react when I face Jesus in person –

I can only imagine!

