

491 CENTER OF MY JOY

*...I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.
Philippians 3:8*

Chorus **G G G G Ab G F Eb Bb**

Je-sus, You're the cen-ter of my joy.

C C C C D D D Eb Bb

All that's good and per-fect comes from You.

Bb Bb Bb Bb C b Ab G G F F G Bb *play cues 2nd time only*

You're the heart of my con-tent-ment, hope for all I do.

G G F G Ab F Eb D Eb

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Je-sus, You're the cen-ter of my joy.

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Practice Technique:

1. Learn the melody line
2. Learn the generic chords that support the melody
3. Learn the basic bass pattern and apply to chords
4. Learn the advanced chords and progressions

This lesson will teach basic sight reading for a familiar song. Please view the melody line notes provided on the sheet music. Remember to sing the lyrics as you play the melody line. This will help in your ear training also.

Here are your basic chords used in Eb to support the melody line. Refer to the chord charts in the workbook for fingering.

Basic Chords used first in left hand then apply to right hand keeping melody on top.

Eb/2.....Bb/1
Ab/2.....Bb/2
Eb
Eb7.....Abmaj7
Fm7-5/3
Bb7

Now these chords are used in support of the melody line. In order to train your ear you must apply each of these chords to the melody line to see which ones support it and which ones don't. Trust your ear to "hear" the chords that work. If you need help check out the video lesson on youtube as a reference.

Basic bass notes

Eb.....D.....Ab....Db.....Bb

Now mix and match the bass notes with the melody and chords

Well, we're ready for advanced chords with bass. By this time you could be very familiar with the melody line and chord used both in left hand and right hand. Here are the advanced chords you can apply to this song. Practice them with the melody line and as advanced chording in the right hand.

lyric: Jesus you're the..... cen - ter.....of..... my..... joy.....
chord: Bb Eb F G.....C EAb...Bb Eb G.....G C F..... Gb Bb C Eb.....D G Bb
bass: Eb.....A.....D.....G.

transition chord: Db F Ab Bb... Db Eb G Bb

bass: Eb.....

lyric: all that good and perfect comes from..... you

chord: Eb Ab C.....F Bb D.....Eb F G Bb

bass: Ab.....G

progression chords : C,D.....Ab C Eb...Bb D F...Ab Bb C Eb G...B D F Ab

bass:F.....G.....Ab.....Bb

lyric: you're the heart of.....my.....content...ment.....hope for all I..... do

chord: Db F Ab Bb.....Db F Ab C.....G B Eb G.....G C Eb G.....B Eb F Ab

bass: Eb.....G.....Ab.....Db

lyric: Jesus..... your the..... cent.....erof..... my..... joy

chord: Bb Eb G...Bb Db E G....C Eb Ab....Ab C F...G C Eb....F Bb D.....F G Bb Eb

bass: Bb.....C.....F.....A.....Bb.....Eb