

SERMON GUIDE:

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Music is Biblical. Worship music isn't an idea from the world, it's **Dynamically** Biblical. Our worship welcomes the presence of God and it's in that presence that the anointing ignites gifts, breaks bondages, and sets people free.

Psalm 34:3-5 (KJV)

Progression of Corporate Worship instruction

1. An invitation to magnify the Lord together, LET US. Expectancy is the breeding ground for meeting. Matthew 18:20 (NLT)
2. I sought the Lord and He heard me and delivered me from all my fears. The powerful moment: In the middle of corporate worship when our eyes are on Him, He doesn't forget me!
3. They looked unto Him and were lightened and their faces were not ashamed.

We learned last week;

- There is worship that draws the presence of God.
- There is worship that repels the presence of God.

1 Chronicles 5:11-14 (NLT)

Lessons that can be drawn from this Worship Service:

- Everyone came prepared
- They purified themselves.

Acts 1:15 (NLT), 1 Corinthians 3:16 (NLT), 1 Corinthians 6:18-19 (NLT)

- I am the temple of God.
- We are the temple of God.
- He desires to make His home in us.

As in the OT, they positioned themselves for encounter, we must position ourselves for encounter.

Invite you to do 5 things when you come together in expectation.

1. Decide to turn up the expectancy in your family when you come to church
2. Position yourself in your place in Body of Christ (*Start here, Romans 12:4-9a*)
3. Find someone everyday (especially at church) to encourage and give hope.
4. Grow your character and gifting at the same time. You do this through discipleship, which is ultimately relationship based with the Holy Spirit, time in your word, confirming gifts and lessons with mature believers, and deciding to be an ever learner.
5. Be on the lookout for THEM. The new person who comes on search to know Jesus. (*1 Corinthians 12:8-11, 27-31*)



LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS:

- We learned in part 1 of this message that there is worship that draws and repels the presence of God. What are some ways that we as the church can worship in a way that draws the presence of God?
- Psalms 34:3-5 gives notice of the progression of corporate worship. What are the three steps it gives in this passage?
- In the Old Testament, the temple was a place. What is the temple in the New Testament? (Explained in 1 Corinthians 3:16)
- What are some key takeaways that you have received from this “Not So Basic Worship Message”? How can we grow in our worship as the church?

PARKWAY THOUGHTS: A word from Crystal Allemand:

referencing sermon “Not So Basics - Dynamic Duo (Minstrel)” on 2/5/2023

I wanted to share with you that my husband and I were talking about those very passages pertaining to Saul and music and prophecy on the way to church Sunday morning. We talked about that while worship is powerful, it's important for it to be an expression of a heart for, and devotion to the Lord - rather than a tool to soothe our soul due to a heart and mind un-surrendered to the Lord.

Saul had to call David to play music to soothe his self-serving rebellious soul because he lived in his calling for his own purposes rather than the purposes of God, like David did. We talked about Saul coming into the company of prophets and prophesying and how that was somewhat to his demise because the gifting gave him false confidence that his character and conduct did not actually merit. He took the prophesying (presence of giftings that are w/o repentance) as a sign he was right with God even though he was not in right standing with the Lord and was in total disobedience to his plans. Gifts of the Spirit are unmerited while fruit of the Spirit is a byproduct.

One thing I see happening now is the Lord by his spirit uprooting mixture of the self-help gospel and the pure gospel in the church across the nation. I see him moving people from being obsessed with how important we are to how important the Lord is, which draws us to lay down everything including our lives for the advancement of his kingdom, like every one of the disciples did. He's reminding us that **The Holy Spirit isn't dangerous, compromise is dangerous**. With this comes the pulling down of platform Christianity that puts the leader in the role of helper and the congregation in the role of consumer. it makes all believers contributors, and also accountable. I'm praying into this for our congregation and for the body as a whole. (As I'm sure many are).

I truly appreciate your honor and humility as an example. It is provoking all of us to true surrender, going all in, holding nothing back because he's worthy of our lives... worthy to have his due reward. The spirit flows purely and freely when the people of God surrender their all. Woohoo!