

there's power in this **HOUSE**

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WE WILL BE A HOUSE OF TRUTH + WORSHIP

We will be a House of worship. And we will be a House of the Word of the Lord. Not one without the other.

Worship without the Word becomes emotionalism.

The Word without worship becomes information without transformation.

God has always intended these two to walk together.

From Genesis to Revelation, whenever God wanted to speak clearly, He first prepared the atmosphere and whenever God prepared the atmosphere, He released His Word with power.

This is the dynamic duo.

Worship and the Word. Presence and proclamation. Atmosphere and authority.

You see it with Elisha.

2 KINGS 3:15 (KJV)

But now bring me a minstrel. And it came to pass, when the minstrel played, that the hand of the Lord came upon him.

The Word was already in the prophet but it was worship that unlocked the flow.

The minstrel didn't replace the Word. The minstrel made room for it.

This is why worship matters.

Worship doesn't replace preaching. Worship prepares people to receive it.

The reason some people never respond to the Word is not because the Word lacks power but because the heart is hardened.

Worship softens what pride, sin, distraction, and familiarity have hardened.

Worship tills the soil. The Word plants the seed. And the Spirit brings the increase.

If we are going to be a house of worship, then we must understand this: Worship is not the goal. Encounter is. Worship is the doorway not the destination.

This is why God rebuked Israel in Amos. I hate, I despise your feast days... Take away from Me the noise of your songs.

God wasn't rejecting music. He was rejecting worship without obedience.

Sound without surrender. Atmosphere without alignment.

- A church can have great music and no presence.
- A church can have noise and no anointing.
- A church can manufacture emotion and still grieve the Spirit.

Conversely, a church can have not great music but still possess the presence.

Genuine and authenticity prepare the atmosphere for His presence.

False atmosphere feels good but never transforms. True presence convicts, corrects, heals, and sends. And when true worship fills the house, God always speaks.

Which brings us to the Word of the Lord. Not opinions. Not trends. Not personality-driven messages. But the Word of the Lord. The American church does not lack sermons. It lacks hearing ears.

God is still speaking through His Word, by His Spirit, and through men and women He has appointed. But hearing requires humility. And humility requires surrender.

This is why the prophetic voice is so often rejected.

The prophet doesn't come to entertain. He comes to align. He doesn't come to affirm comfort he comes to confront drift. Nathan didn't come to David with anger. He came with truth. And truth, when received, always opens the door to repentance.

Notice this: David did not argue. He did not justify. He did not silence the prophet. He repented.

Psalms 51 was born because a prophet was allowed to speak.

A house of worship is not just loud (Psalm 150) it is low. Low in pride. Low in resistance. Low before the Lord.

And here is the connection we cannot miss:

Worship positions us to hear the Word. The Word positions us to obey. Obedience keeps the presence.

It's the cycle of Freedom.

This is the cycle of a healthy church. When worship is pure, the Word flows freely. When the Word is honored, lives are transformed. When lives are transformed, God remains among His people.

So the question is not: Do we sing? Do we preach? Do we gather?

The real question is: Are we positioned?

Before gifting finds its place, hearts must find their posture. God is not looking for a perfect house. He is looking for a yielded one.

A house that says: Speak, Lord. Correct us. Direct us. Cleanse us. Send us.

If Parkway, if this house, is going to be a dwelling place for God in the Spirit, then we must refuse shallow waves.

We were made for the deep. And the deep is only found where worship and the Word walk together.

So let this be settled in us:

- We will not chase atmosphere without truth.
- We will not preach truth without presence.
- We will be a house of worship.
- And we will be a house of the Word of the Lord.

Because when the two meet: Chains break. Hearts repent. Direction comes. And God dwells among His people.

And that is the house He is building.

That's the triad right there.

A PROPER ATMOSPHERE PRODUCES THREE ALIGNED HEARTS.

FIRST: A HEART FOR THE LOST.

When the presence of God is real, compassion is awakened. True worship never turns inward; it always turns outward.

Isaiah encountered the holiness of God, and the immediate result wasn't comfort, it was commission. "Here am I. Send me."

A church that truly worships God will never be indifferent to the lost.

If worship ends with us and never reaches them, something is wrong with the atmosphere. The presence of God births urgency for souls.

If it's been a while since you've won someone to Jesus. Would Picasso be an artist if he never painted? Would Beethoven be an artist if he never picked up an instrument?

SECOND: A PROPER FEAR OF THE LORD FOR THE FOUND.

Not terror. Not intimidation. But reverence, honor, and holy awareness.

When the fear of the Lord is present:

- Sin loses its appeal
- Repentance becomes normal
- Correction is received, not resisted

The found, stop playing games with grace.

Acts 5 says great fear came upon the whole church and immediately after, the church grew. Fear of the Lord doesn't shrink the church; it purifies it.

A church without reverence will always drift. A church with reverence stays aligned. Reverence for the Lord produces, it doesn't just purify.

THIRD: A HEART COMMITTED TO GOD AND TO EACH OTHER.

Proper atmosphere produces covenant, not consumerism.

People stop asking, "What do I get?" And start asking, "What do I carry?"

Acts 2 shows us this kind of church: Devoted to God. Devoted to one another. Devoted to mission.

Unity is not manufactured, it is maintained by shared surrender. When hearts are aligned upward, they stay aligned outward.

So let it be said of this house:

- We will carry a heart for the lost.
- We will walk in the fear of the Lord as the found.
- We will be committed to God and to one another.

This is what proper atmosphere produces.

This is what worship and the Word working together establish.

And this is the kind of house God chooses to inhabit.