

Review- Different Ways We Praise Ways we Praise God:

1. Thanksgiving- **Psalm 100:4**
2. Singing- **Psalm 30:4**
3. Clapping- **Psalm 47:1**
4. Shouting- **Psalm 98:4**
5. Instruments- **Psalm 150**
6. Dancing- **Psalm 149:3**
7. Lifting Hands- **Psalm 63:4**
8. Kneeling- **Psalm 95: 6**
9. Standing- **Exodus 33:10**
10. Lying Prostrate- **1 Kings 18:39**
11. Bowing Your Head- **2 Chronicles 29:30**
12. Laughter- **Job 8:21**
13. Speaking and Singing in Tongues- **1 Corinthians 14:15**



Praise is so powerful...



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Praise is so Powerful- Story of Jehoshaphat

- Jehoshaphat **bragged** on and **boasted** in the Lord.
- He proclaimed that **power** and **might** are in **God's** hands!
- He **reminded** God of what He had already done and confirmed his **faith** that God would do it again!

Praise is so Powerful- Story of Jehoshaphat

Jehoshaphat put His **trust** in God

3 Responses of Jehoshaphat

1. **Praise**
2. **Expectancy**
3. **Obedience**

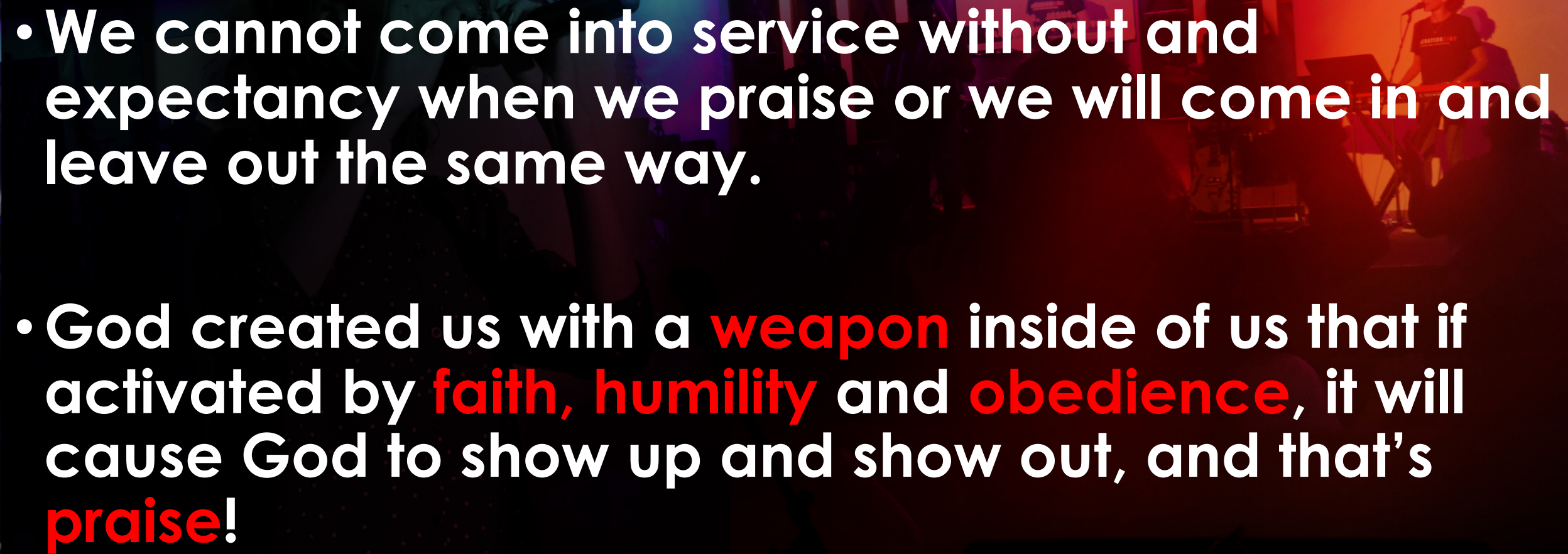
A woman in the foreground is singing into a microphone, her eyes closed in a moment of worship. In the background, a band is performing on a stage with blue and red lighting. A large screen displays a video of a person singing.

Praise is the **secret** to the **power** of God!



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- We cannot come into service without and expectancy when we praise or we will come in and leave out the same way.
 - God created us with a **weapon** inside of us that if activated by **faith, humility** and **obedience**, it will cause God to show up and show out, and that's **praise!**

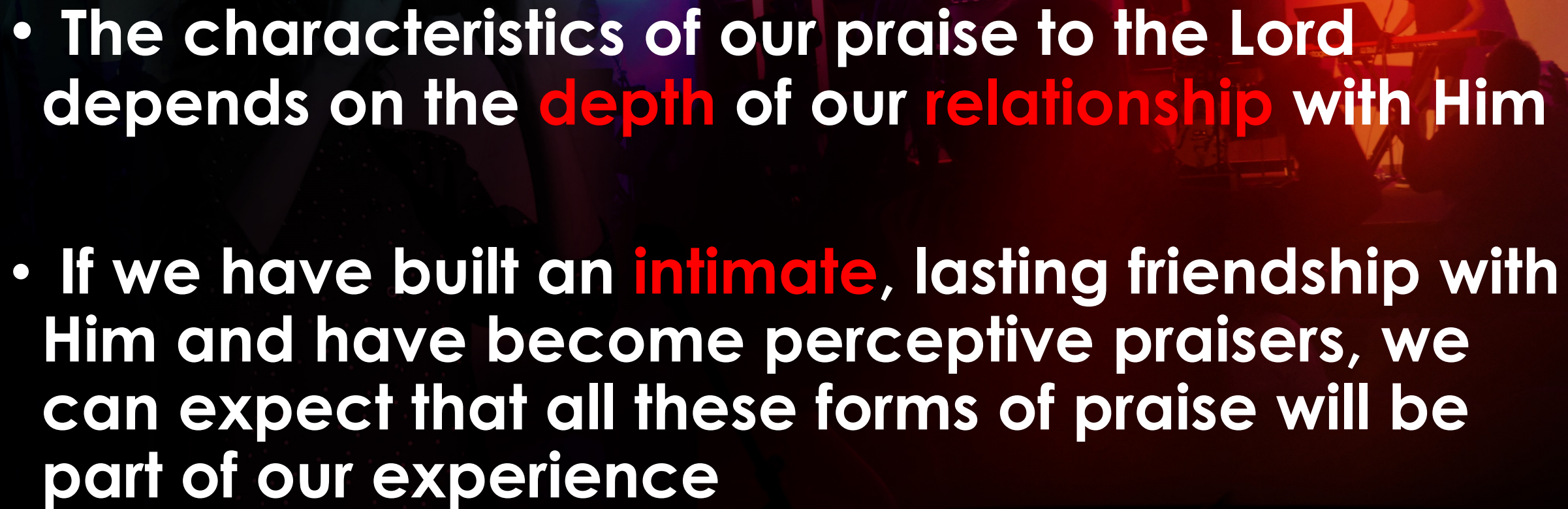


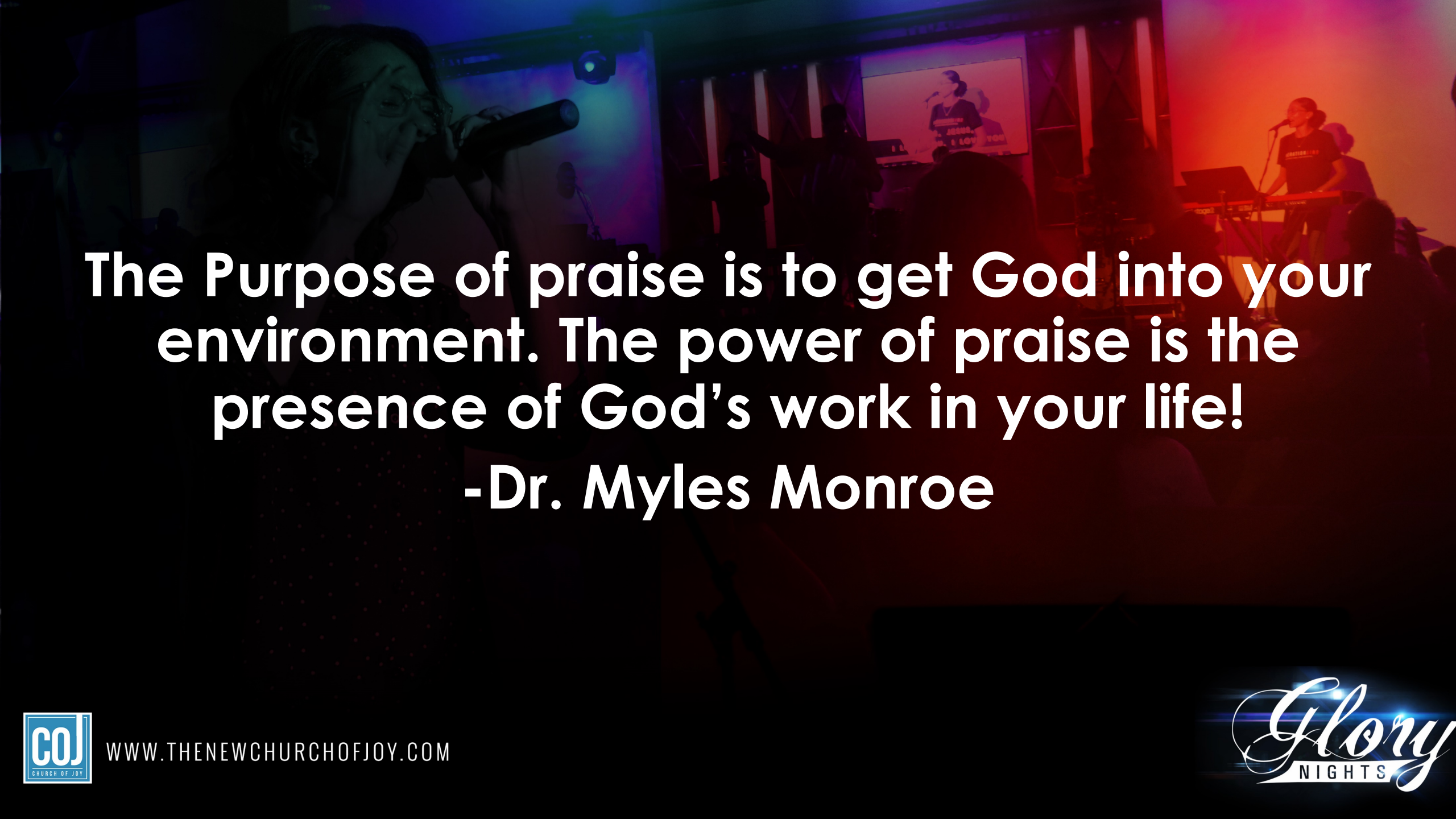
Praise is a **weapon!**



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- The characteristics of our praise to the Lord depends on the **depth** of our **relationship** with Him
 - If we have built an **intimate**, lasting friendship with Him and have become perceptive praisers, we can expect that all these forms of praise will be part of our experience

A woman with long dark hair is singing into a microphone on a stage. In the background, a band is performing, and a large screen displays a woman singing. The stage is lit with blue and red lights.

The Purpose of praise is to get God into your environment. The power of praise is the presence of God's work in your life!

-Dr. Myles Monroe



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A woman in a dark, patterned dress is singing into a microphone on a stage. In the background, a band is performing, including a keyboardist and a drummer. The stage is lit with blue and red lights.

Presence, Power and Glory of God came because of the:

1. Praise
2. Expectancy
3. Obedience



Praise is what attracts God's
presence **weapon!**



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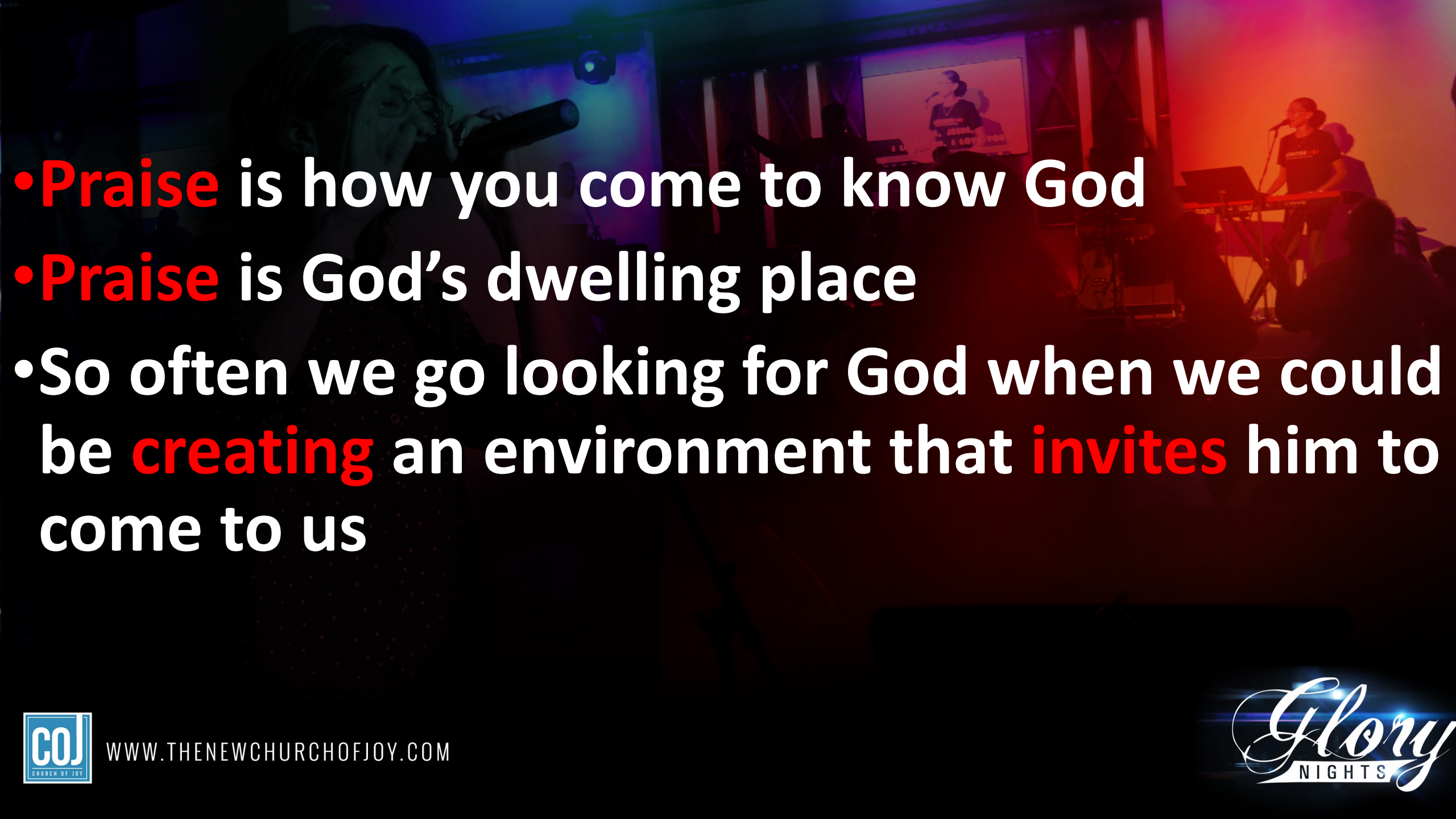
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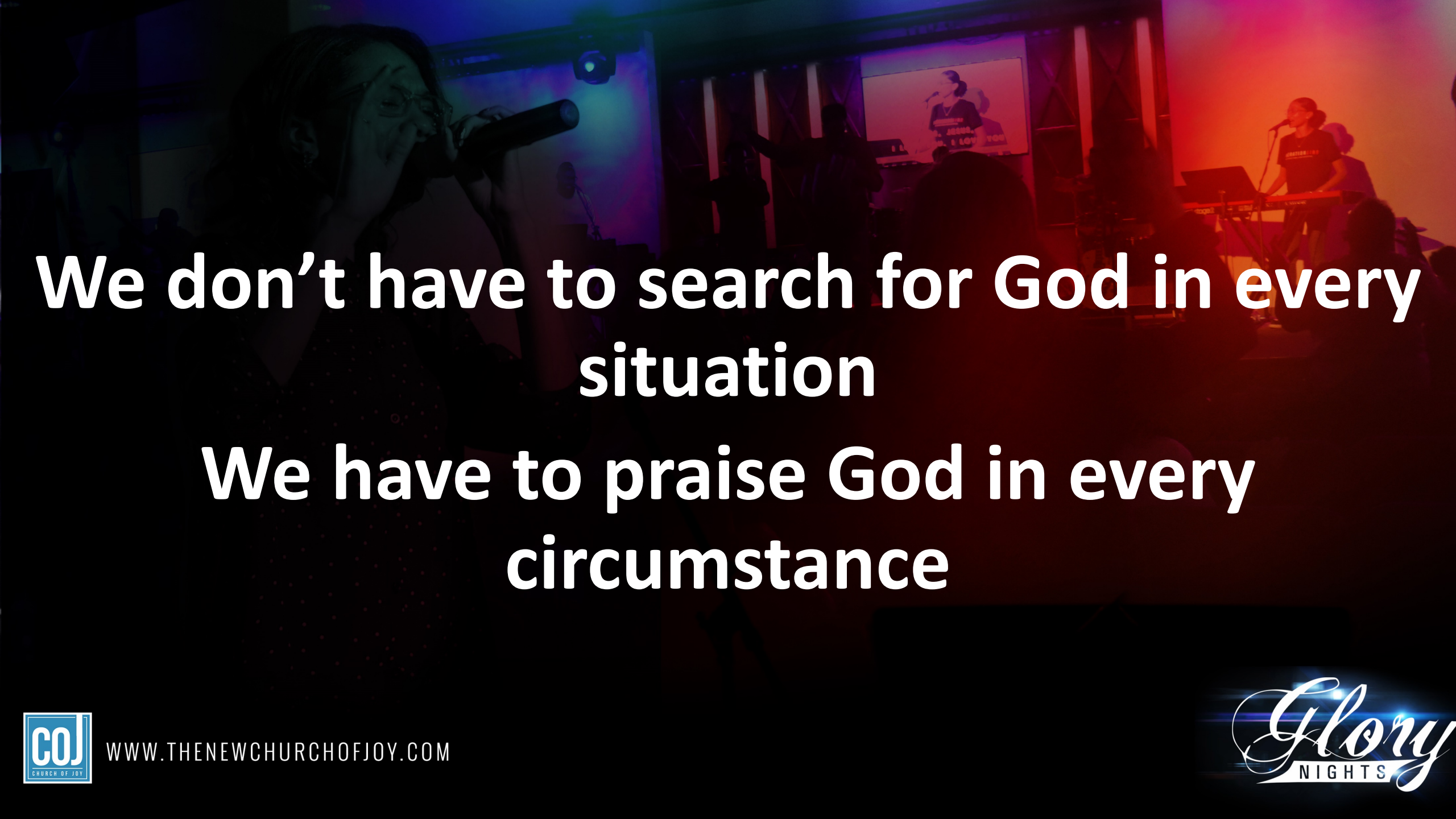
**“But thou art holy, O thou that inhabits
the praises of Israel.” KJV**



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- **Praise** is how you come to know God
 - **Praise** is God's dwelling place
 - So often we go looking for God when we could be **creating** an environment that **invites** him to come to us




**We don't have to search for God in every
situation**

**We have to praise God in every
circumstance**



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A woman in the foreground is singing passionately into a microphone. In the background, other musicians are visible on a stage with colorful lighting (blue, purple, and red). A screen in the background shows a person singing.

**Our human tendency to look for God is the
reason there are so many different religions in
the world today**




• We spend so much time and effort looking for Him
when all we have to do is **praise**

• **Praise** is your **access**, your **key**, into the presence of God

• Although God will take us as we are, there are certain
qualifications to be in His presence

- This is not to exclude anyone however there is a **posture** of the heart that we must have to even be in the presence of God
- God responds to our desire for Him, but our desire must be shown in ways that meet His **standards**. We must be **holy**, as he is Holy
- God's holiness means that He is pure in **motive**.
- He is integrated in His **thoughts, words and actions**.



Satan tries to block us from the **truth** so that
we don't praise!



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These lies rob us of our confidence in **God's word**, robs us of our **joy** and robs us of an **opportunity** to connect with, and praise God



Satan doesn't want us to realize that God looks
at the **heart**, the **motives** of the heart



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The holiness of God means...

Being pure in motive and has very little to do
with your mistakes and sin and has a lot to do
with your **heart.**



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Coming into God's presence is not something
to be done casually
God calls us to **consecrate** ourselves

A woman in the foreground is singing into a microphone, her eyes closed in a moment of worship. In the background, a band is performing on a stage with blue and red lighting. A screen behind the band shows a woman singing. The overall atmosphere is one of a live church service.

Psalm 47:7

For God is the King of all the earth: sing ye praises with understanding.



Proverbs 4:7

Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore, get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.

A woman with glasses is singing into a microphone on a stage. In the background, a band is performing, and a large screen displays a video of a person. The scene is lit with blue and red stage lights.

3 Components

1. Knowledge
2. Understanding
3. Wisdom

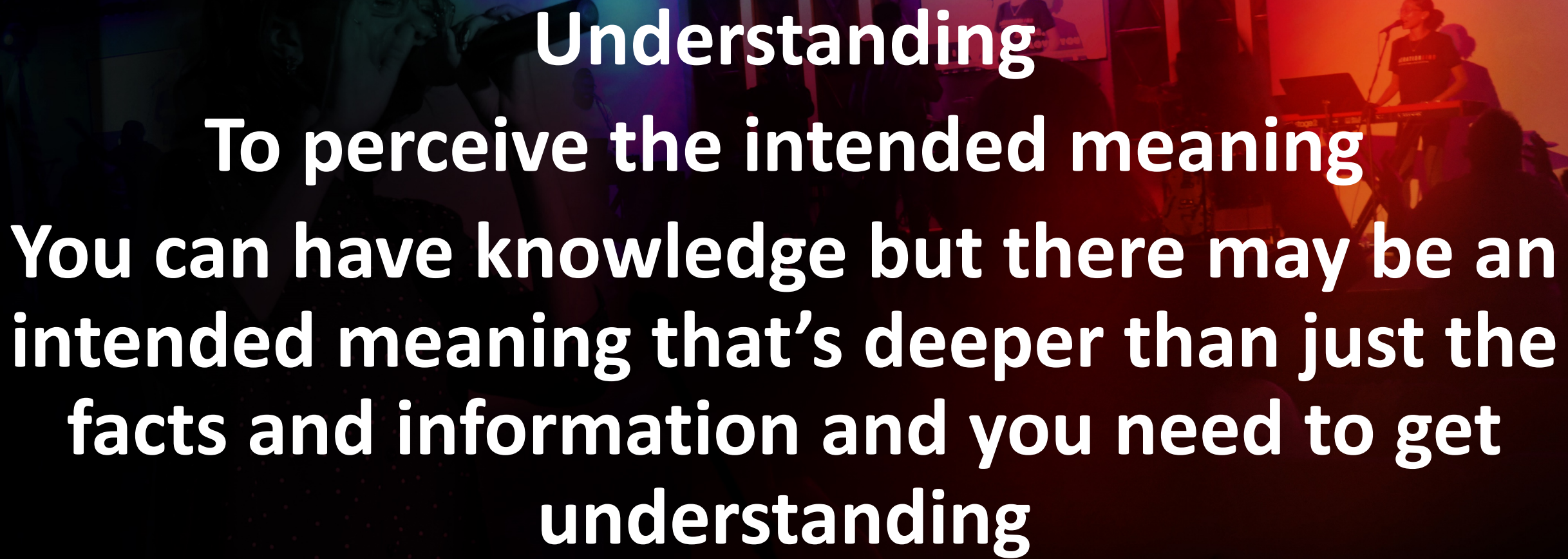
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Knowledge Facts and information



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Understanding
To perceive the intended meaning
You can have knowledge but there may be an
intended meaning that's deeper than just the
facts and information and you need to get
understanding



Wisdom

Applied knowledge

This is now when you apply everything you
have learned, you all of your knowledge to
your lifestyle because you have an
understanding



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Praise is **seeking** God
Worship is being **found** by God

A woman in the foreground is singing passionately into a microphone. In the background, other musicians are visible on a stage with colorful lighting (blue, purple, and red). A screen in the background shows a woman singing.

The goal of praise is to **create an atmosphere**
for the presence of God



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Abraham, Moses and David were **friends** of God because they made room for Him in their lives.

Their deep hunger to **know** and **obey** God was the basis for their **relationship** with Him



God shows up to **genuine** worshippers because
they have an **authentic** devotion to Him and a
passion for Him



Praise and worship are related but very different activities and experiences:

Praise is our **building** a house for God,
Worship is God **moving in**

What is worship?

- Worship is a **conversation** between God and man, a dialogue that should go on constantly in the life of a Christian
- Worship is **giving** to God and involves a life style of giving to him the sacrifice he asks for which our lives
 - Worship is the ability to **magnify** God with our whole body soul and spirit



Matthew 15:8-9

These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules.

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God desires for us to **seek** Him



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A church worship service. In the foreground, a woman is singing into a microphone. In the background, a band is performing on a stage with a large screen displaying a video of a person. The scene is lit with blue and red lights.

John 4:23

Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks.

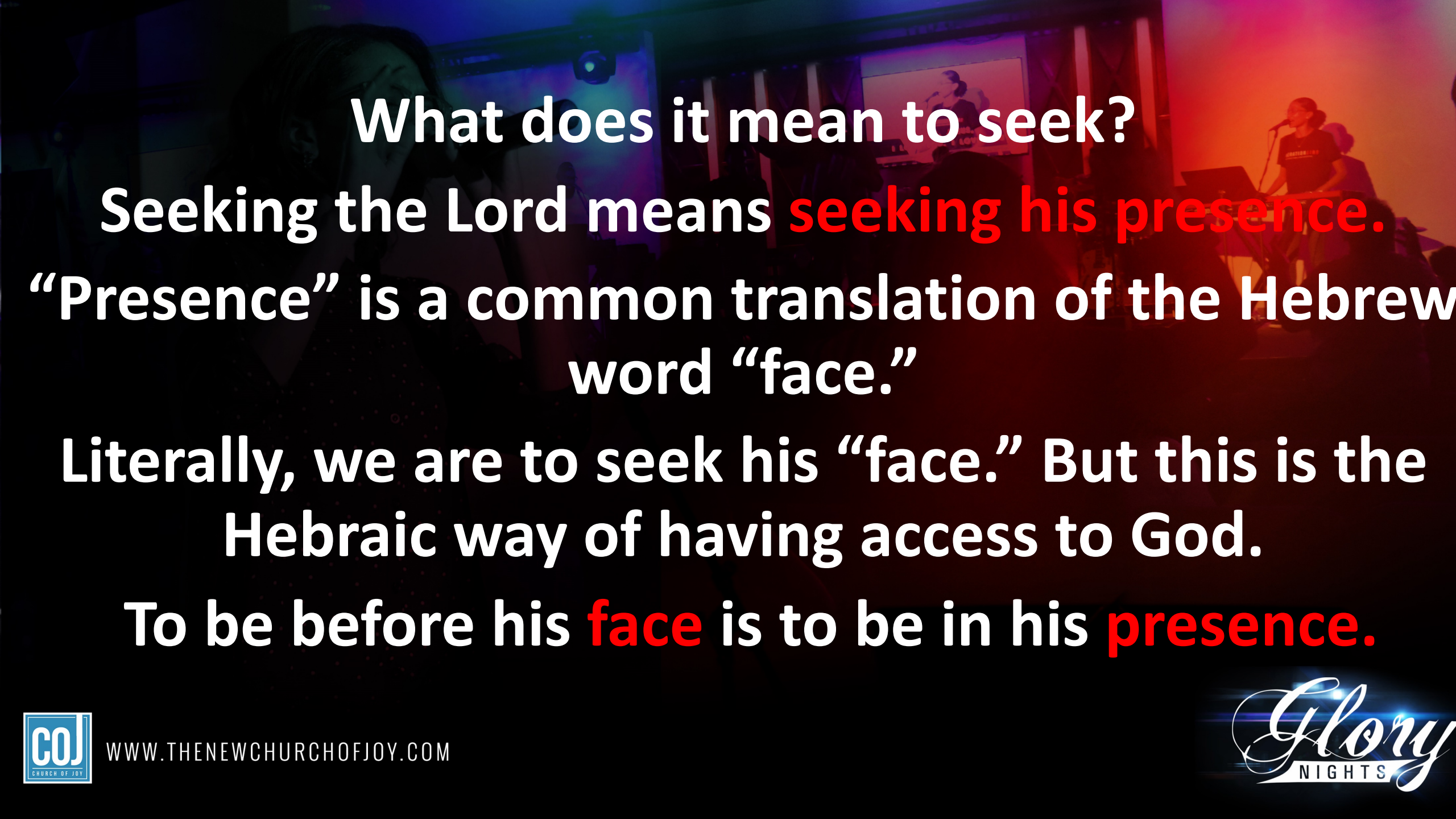


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God is seeking **worshippers**, those who have
adopted the lifestyle of seeking Him



What does it mean to seek?
Seeking the Lord means **seeking his presence.**
“Presence” is a common translation of the Hebrew
word “face.”

Literally, we are to seek his “face.” But this is the
Hebraic way of having access to God.

To be before his **face** is to be in his **presence.**




Praise Me; Seek Me... with All Your Heart



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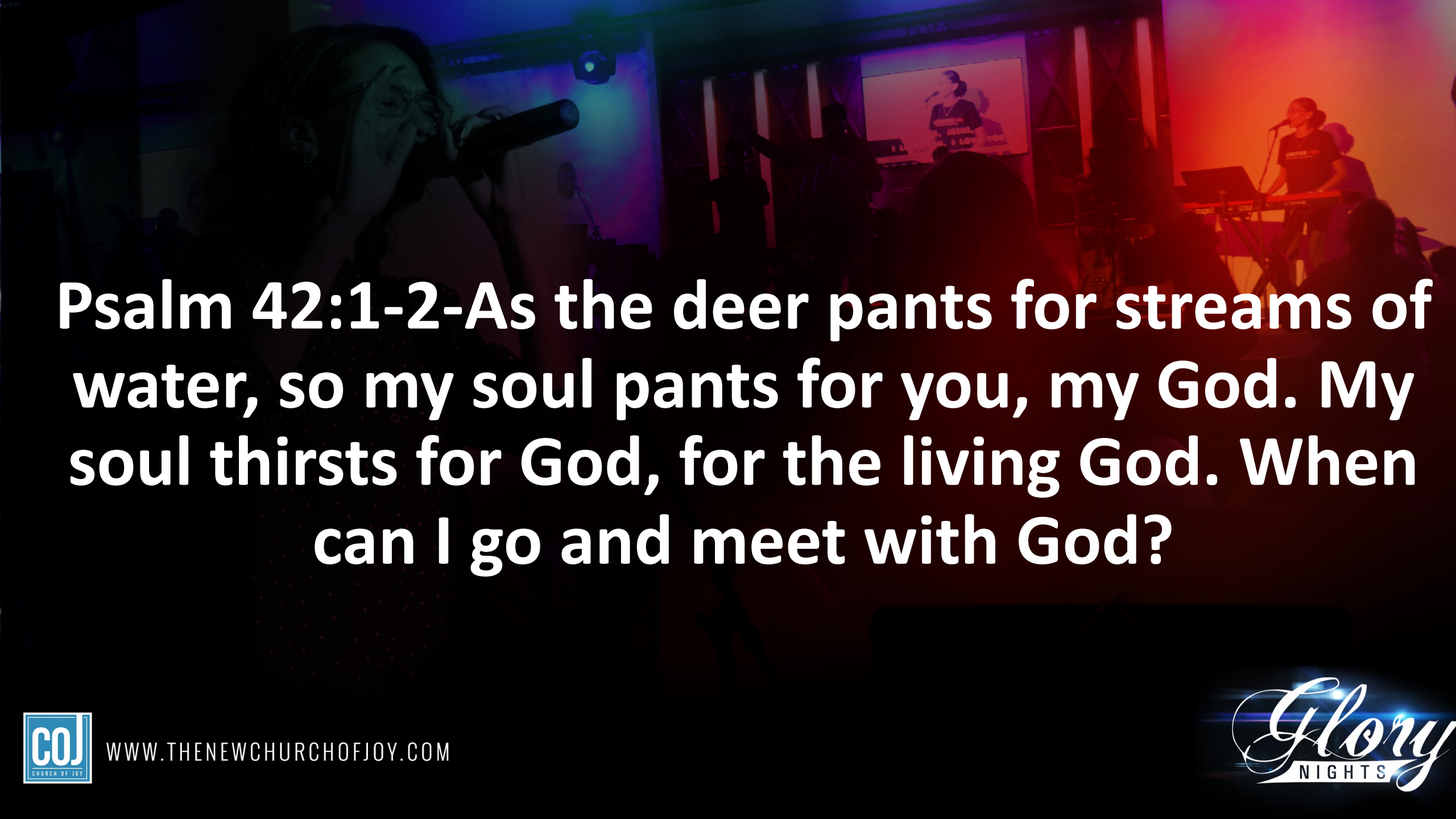
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God responds to those who have a deep
hunger for Him




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A church service scene. In the foreground, a woman is singing into a microphone, her face partially obscured by a dark overlay. In the background, a band is performing on a stage with colorful lighting (blue, purple, and red). A large screen displays a person singing. The overall atmosphere is one of worship and music.

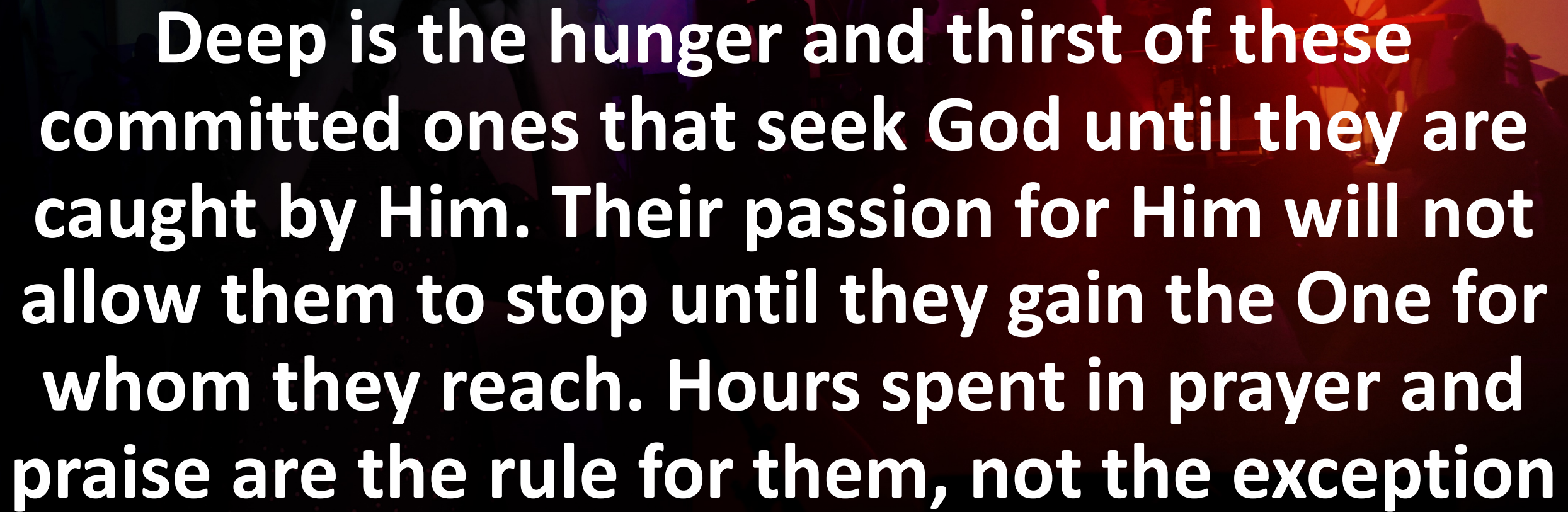
Psalm 42:1-2-As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?




We have to **want** God!

If we want God as bad as we say we do, we will
step outside of our **comfort** zones for the sake
of **obedience**

We all **want** to be with God!



Deep is the hunger and thirst of these committed ones that seek God until they are caught by Him. Their passion for Him will not allow them to stop until they gain the One for whom they reach. Hours spent in prayer and praise are the rule for them, not the exception



This attitude is uncommon in the church. We are much too comfortable to expend the effort such a passion requires




Why? One possible answer is because we have yet
to experience the **beauty** and **power** of God's
manifested presence

The reward of our seeking us worth every bit of
our effort, and more

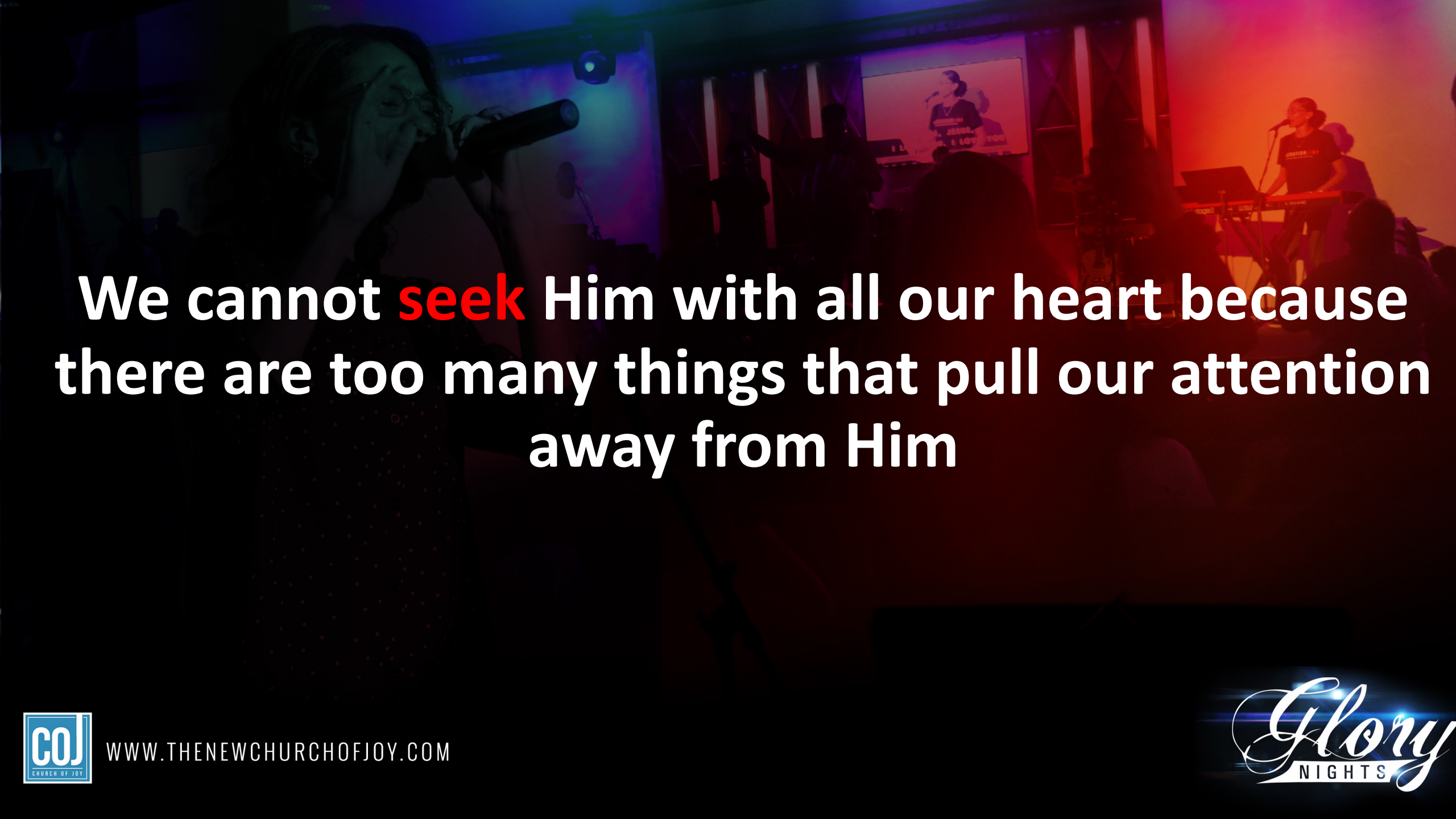


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Another possibility is our **self-centeredness** and **competing loyalties** within us that prevent us from giving full allegiance to anyone, including God.



We cannot **seek** Him with all our heart because there are too many things that pull our attention away from Him


A woman with long dark hair is singing into a microphone on a stage. She is wearing a dark, patterned top. In the background, a band is performing on a stage with blue and red lighting. A large screen displays a woman singing. The text "Praise Me; Seek Me...With Repentance" is overlaid on the image.

Praise Me; Seek Me...With **Repentance**



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The children of Israel were about to enter the Promised Land, Joshua **recounted** all that God had done for them and **challenged** them to choose whom they would serve.



Joshua 24:15

**But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you,
then choose for yourselves this day whom you will
serve...But as for me and my household, we will
serve the Lord**

A church service scene with a singer in the foreground and a band in the background. The singer is a woman with long dark hair, wearing a dark top, and is singing into a microphone. The background shows a band with a keyboardist and other musicians on a stage with blue and red lighting. A large screen in the background displays a woman singing.

Joshua 24:16b-18

Far be it from us to forsake the Lord to serve other gods! It was the Lord our God Himself who brought us and our fathers up out of Egypt, from that land of slavery, and performed those great signs before our eyes....We too will serve the Lord, because He is our God

A woman in the foreground is singing passionately into a microphone. In the background, a band is performing on a stage with various instruments and a large screen displaying a video. The scene is lit with vibrant blue and red stage lights.

Joshua 24:23

**Throw away the foreign gods that are among you
and yield your hearts to the Lord, the God of
Israel**



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A woman in the foreground is singing into a microphone, her face lit up. In the background, a band is performing on a stage with blue and red lighting. A screen behind the band shows a woman singing. The overall atmosphere is one of a live church performance.

**In other words, he told them to make
themselves qualified for serving God.**

We cannot keep the **idols** of our heart and expect to receive the gift of His presence. Repentance is, therefore, an **essential** ingredient of seeking and praising Him.

We must **return** to Him on a daily basis, so He can turn to us.



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**His coming to us is predicated on the fact that we
get rid of all the obstacles that keep us from
coming to Him.**



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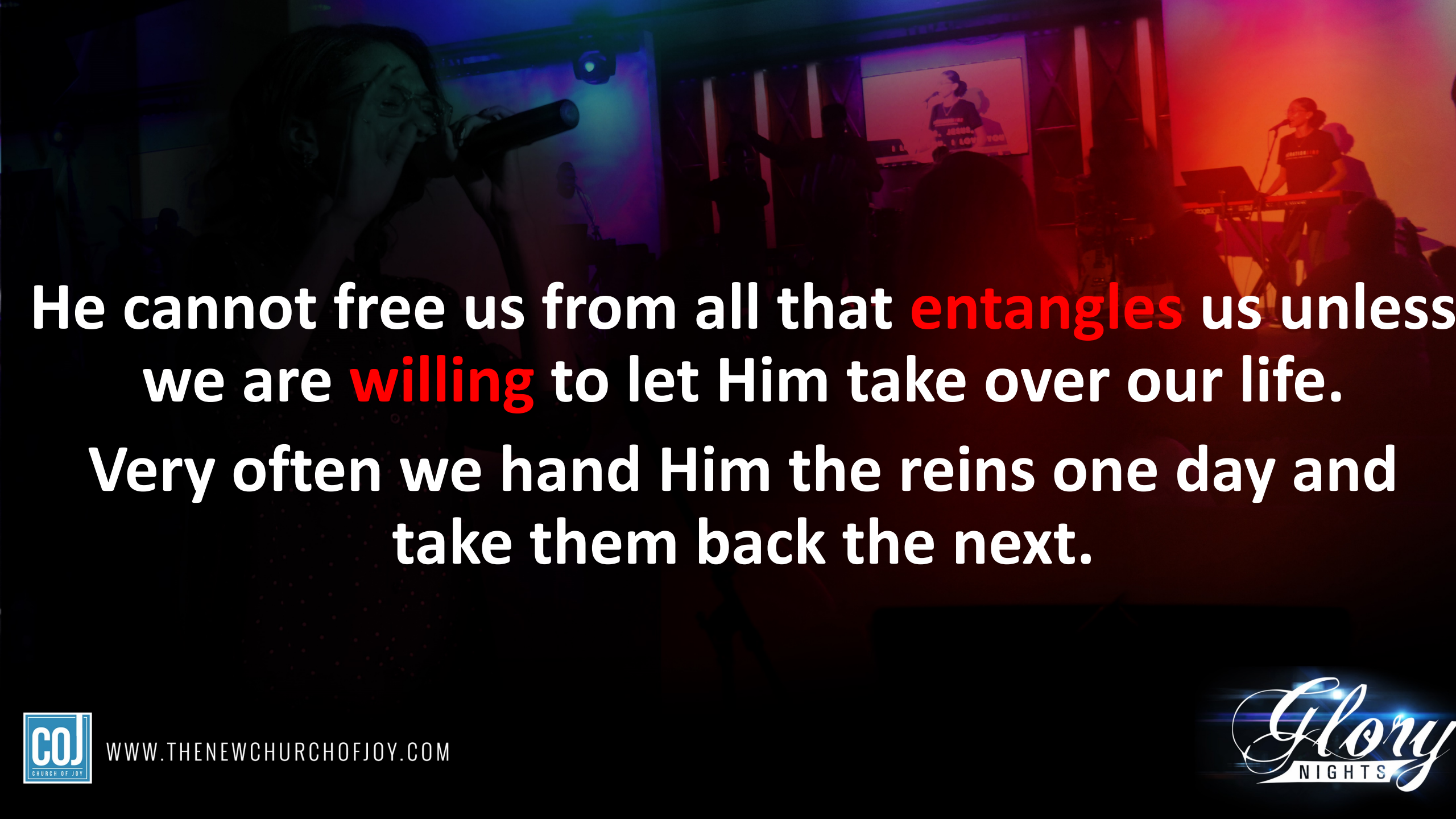
A woman in the foreground is singing into a microphone, her face lit with joy. In the background, a band is performing on a stage with blue and red lighting. A screen behind the band shows a woman singing. The overall atmosphere is one of worship and praise.

Praise Me; Seek Me...With **Humility** and **Trust**



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He cannot free us from all that **entangles** us unless
we are **willing** to let Him take over our life.
Very often we hand Him the reins one day and
take them back the next.

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Psalm 9:10

**Those who know Your name will trust in You, for
You, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek
You**



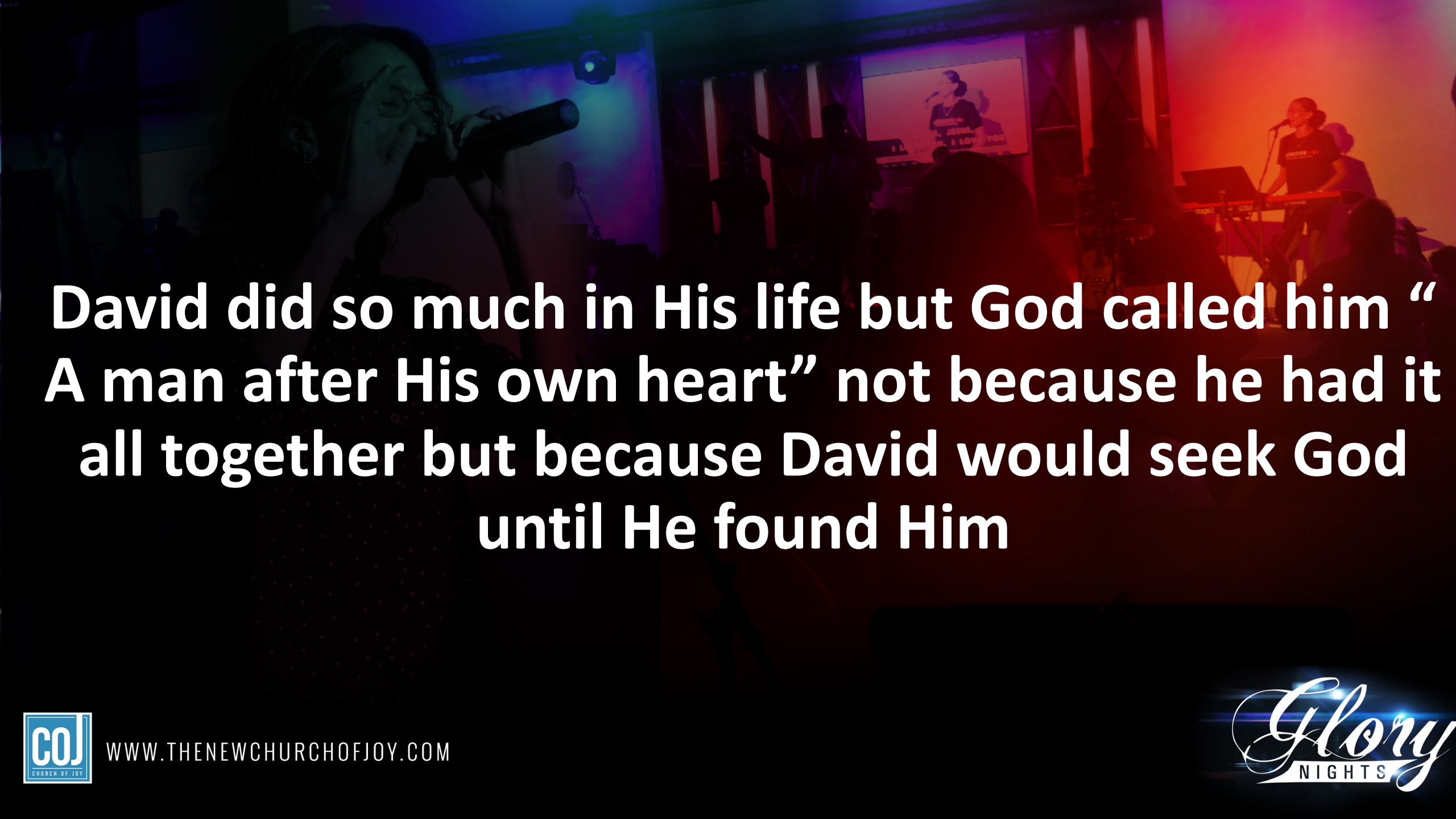
Trust is a necessity if we are to genuinely **seek** and **praise** the Lord.

Otherwise, we will take matters into our own hands when we don't like what is happening in our life or we don't understand the path God has set before us.

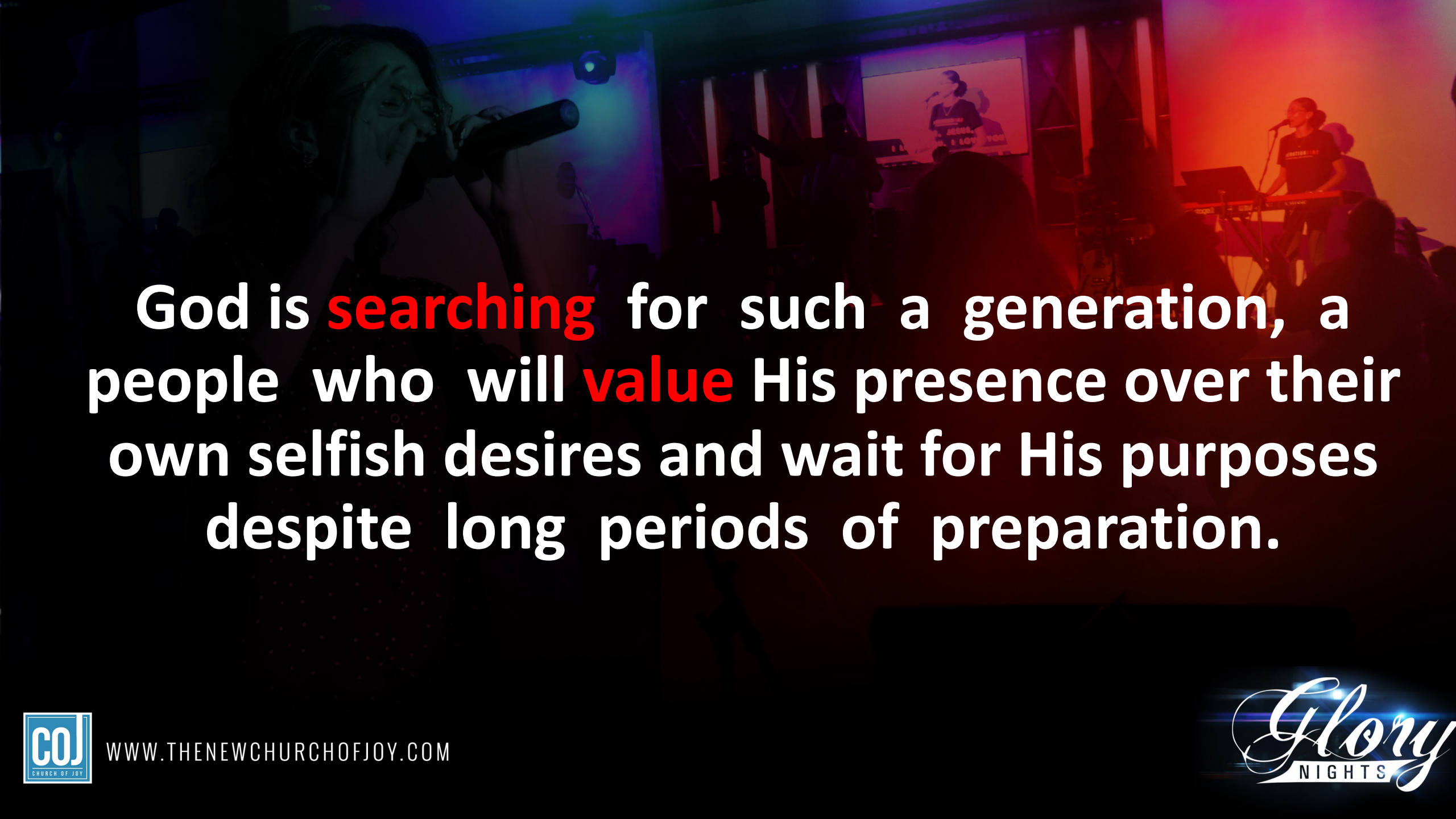


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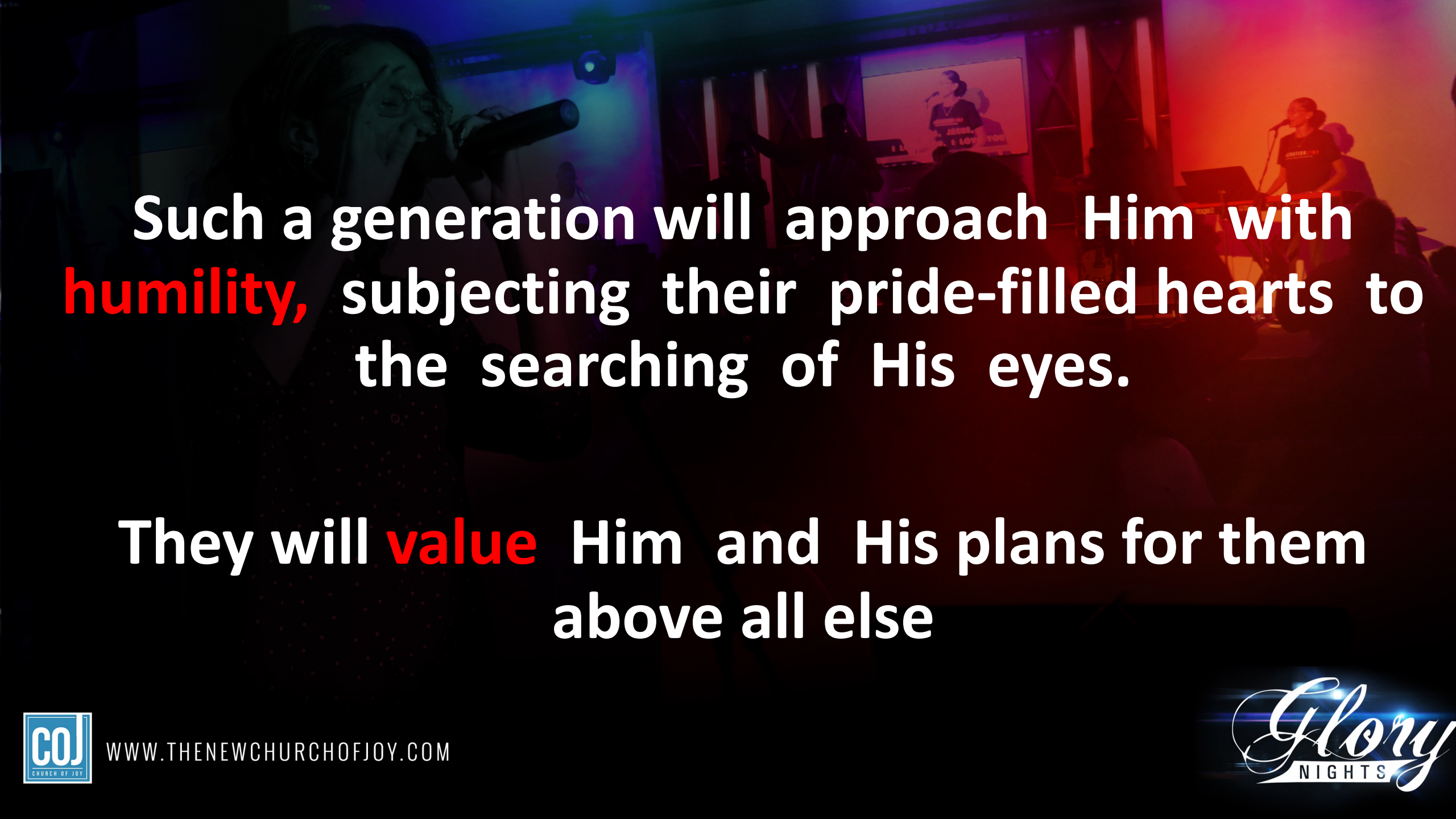
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**David did so much in His life but God called him “
A man after His own heart” not because he had it
all together but because David would seek God
until He found Him**



God is **searching** for such a generation, a people who will **value** His presence over their own selfish desires and wait for His purposes despite long periods of preparation.



Such a generation will approach Him with **humility**, subjecting their pride-filled hearts to the searching of His eyes.

They will **value** Him and His plans for them above all else

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Psalm 14:2

**The Lord looks down from heaven on the sons of
men to see if there are any who understand, any
who seek God**



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Proverbs 8:17

**I love those who love Me, and those who seek Me
find Me**



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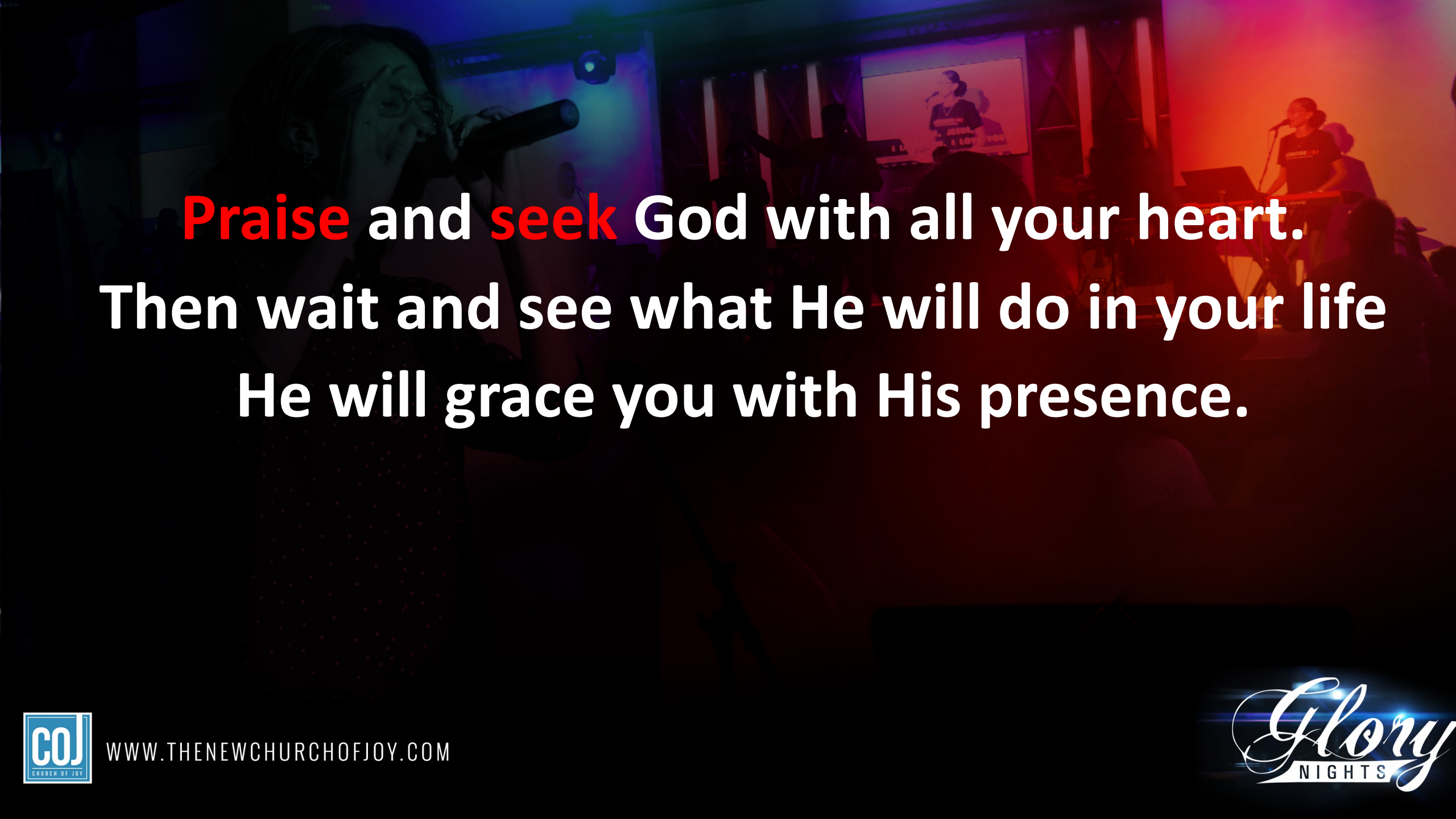
When people **genuinely** want God's presence, He
gives it to them.

This is the bottom line of praise and worship.

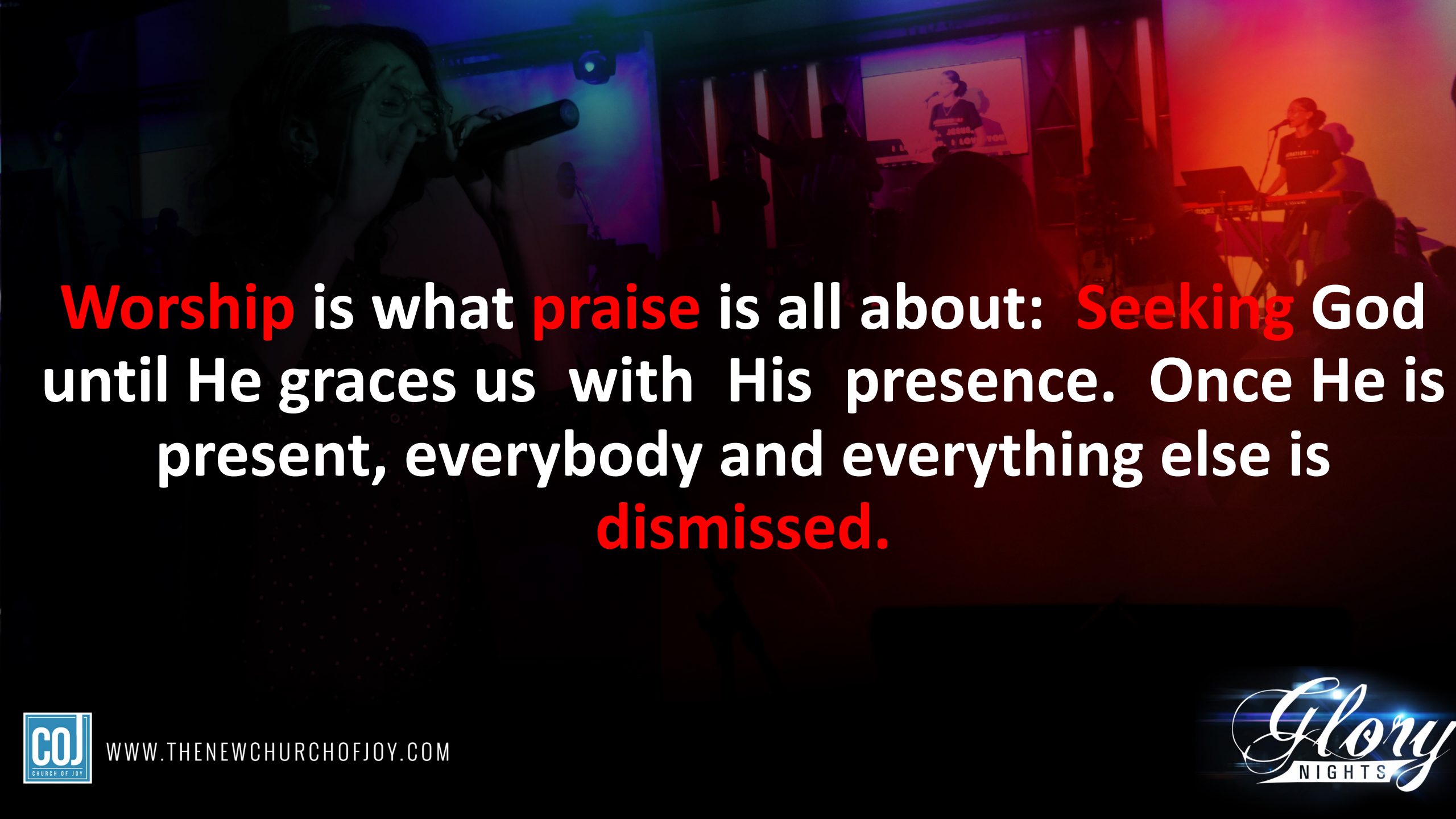


1 Chronicles 28:9

And you, my son Solomon, acknowledge the God of your father, and serve Him with wholehearted devotion and with a willing mind, for the Lord searches every heart and understands every motive behind the thoughts. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will reject you forever



Praise and seek God with all your heart.
Then wait and see what He will do in your life
He will grace you with His presence.

A church worship service. In the foreground, a woman with long dark hair is singing into a microphone, her eyes closed. In the background, a band is performing on a stage with blue and red lighting. A large screen displays a video of a person singing. The text "Worship is what praise is all about: Seeking God until He graces us with His presence. Once He is present, everybody and everything else is dismissed." is overlaid on the image in white and red font.

Worship is what **praise** is all about: **Seeking** God until He graces us with His presence. Once He is present, everybody and everything else is **dismissed**.

Finding God and **enjoying** His presence is the sole purpose of our **praise**.

Only then may we know what to do and how to live effectively.

God is raising up a praising Body all over the world. He's preparing a generation who will seek Him above all else



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