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INTRODUCTION

Growing up as a child, I vividly recall hearing gospel music playing in the house while we were getting ready for church. One song that stands out is Shirley Caesar’s “I Remember Mama.” Caesar tells how she and her siblings used to play church in the backyard. One day, while mimicking a preacher, she shouted “Jesus” three times, and on the third time, something happened. She went from just playing church to truly worshipping God. Her mama said, “She ain’t playin’ this time.” She could tell something authentic was happening on the inside. That should be our goal too, because there’s a lot of imitation worship going around the body of Christ. Real worship isn’t performance or hype. It’s authentic, rooted in God’s presence and goodness.

KEY POINTS

1. Authentic Worship Has a Public Dimension

When David and the people brought the Ark of God to Jerusalem, they did so “rejoicing,” “dancing,” “shouting,” and with “the sound of trumpets.” Worship was visible, vocal, outward, and demonstrable. Too often, people reduce worship to personal preferences, saying, “I worship God within myself,” or “I don’t think it takes all that.” But worship isn’t about us. It’s about giving God what He desires. Scripture is clear: “Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.” Worship engages the whole self: our minds, mouths, memories, hands, and feet. It pulls us out of our comfort zones and into public displays of affection for God.

2. Authentic Worship Is Born Out of Reflecting on Our Progress

Every six steps on the 10-mile journey, David stopped, sacrificed, and danced before God. That’s 21,120 times! Every little step, he paused to thank God for progress. David knew that promotion should never cancel praise, and progress should never become so familiar that we forget to give God credit. Like David, we must treat milestones like miracles: the debt paid off, the panic attack survived, the job that didn’t crush our spirit. Real worship is birthed from reflection, remembering how God has been faithful in the caves, on the run, in the valley, and on the battlefield.

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3. Authentic Worship Positively Impacts Others

When David worshipped, he didn't just experience an emotional high. He blessed the people, distributing bread, meat, and raisins. Real worship equips us to help someone else. It should move from the temple into the town square, turning raised hands into extended hands. Worship should feed, serve, and inspire others. If your praise doesn't lead to action that blesses others, it may not be genuine worship.

4. Authentic Worship Can Withstand Criticism

As David danced before the Lord, Michal mocked him, calling his worship undignified. But David reminded her, "It was before the Lord...I will become even more undignified than this." Authentic worship doesn't seek people's approval or validation. It's for an audience of One. David remembered the doors God opened, the battles He won, the failures forgiven, and the nights of despair survived. With each step, his praise grew more intense. Real worship can withstand criticism because it springs from knowing what God has done for you.

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. David’s worship was visible and vocal. How can you step outside your comfort zone to express your worship more freely?
2. Reflect on your own journey. What “six-step” moments in your life deserve a pause for praise?
3. How can your worship this week translate into action that blesses and serves others?
