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WHY WORSHIP?



# Whole Worship



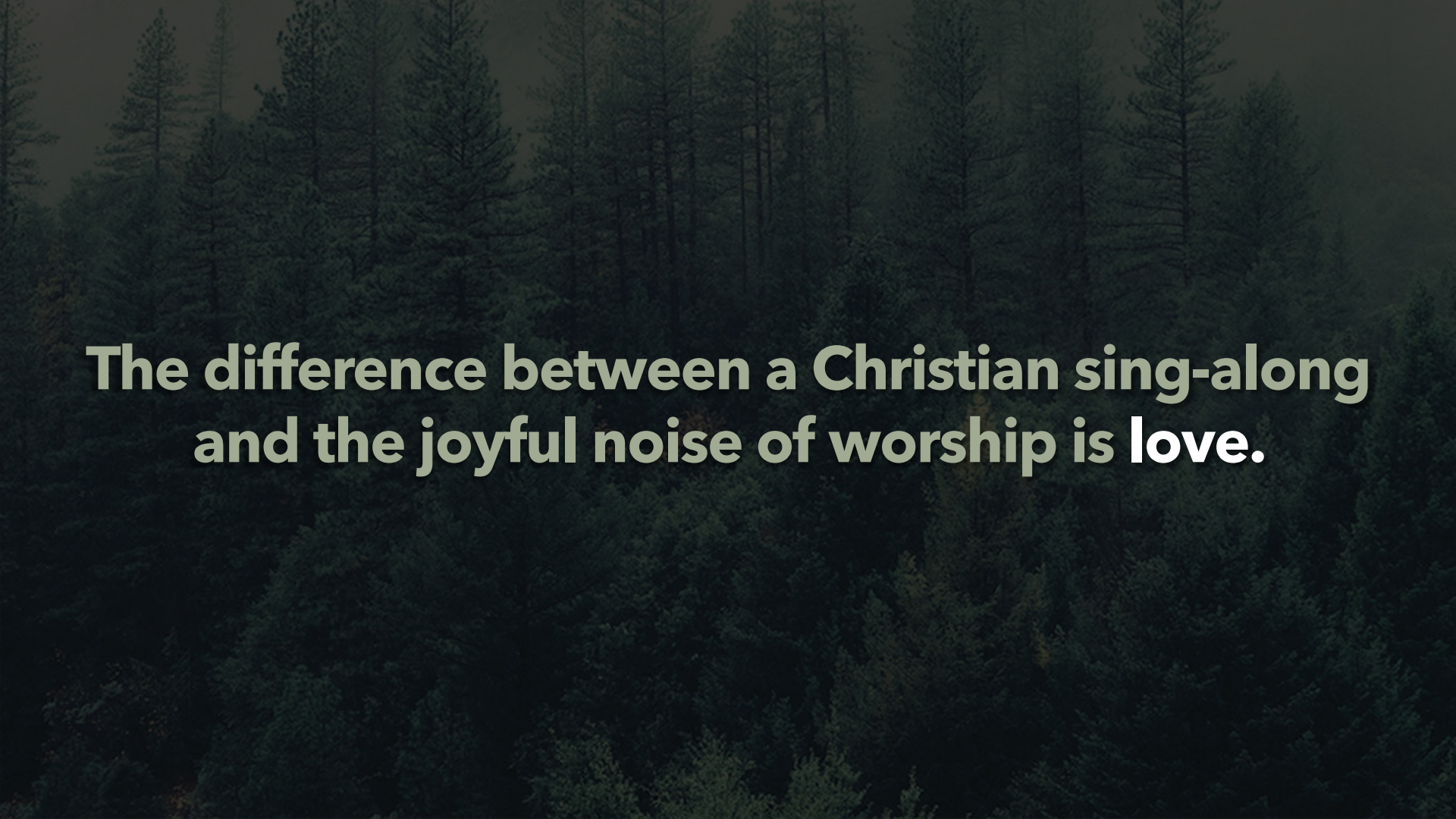
**If we are not determined that God gets all,  
then our worship can only rise to a level of  
past experience or preference.**

# Psalm 100:1

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.

# 1 Corinthians 13:1

If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels,  
but **do not have love**, I have become a noisy  
gong or a clanging cymbal.



**The difference between a Christian sing-along  
and the joyful noise of worship is love.**

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Worship is first and foremost for **His benefit**, not ours, though it is marvelous to discover that in giving Him pleasure, we ourselves enter into what can become our richest and most whole experience in life.

**Graham Kendrick**





**You fully love when you give all.**

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- **Matthew Henry:** "Loving God with all our heart, will engage us to every thing by which he will be pleased."

"S-a-t-u-r-d-a-y night."

**Bay City Rollers**

**Soul** (your emotions)

A dark, dense forest of evergreen trees, likely spruce or fir, filling the entire frame. The trees are tightly packed, creating a textured, layered appearance. The lighting is very low, making the forest appear almost black with some subtle variations in green and brown tones, particularly in the mid-ground where some trees are slightly more illuminated. The overall mood is somber and mysterious.

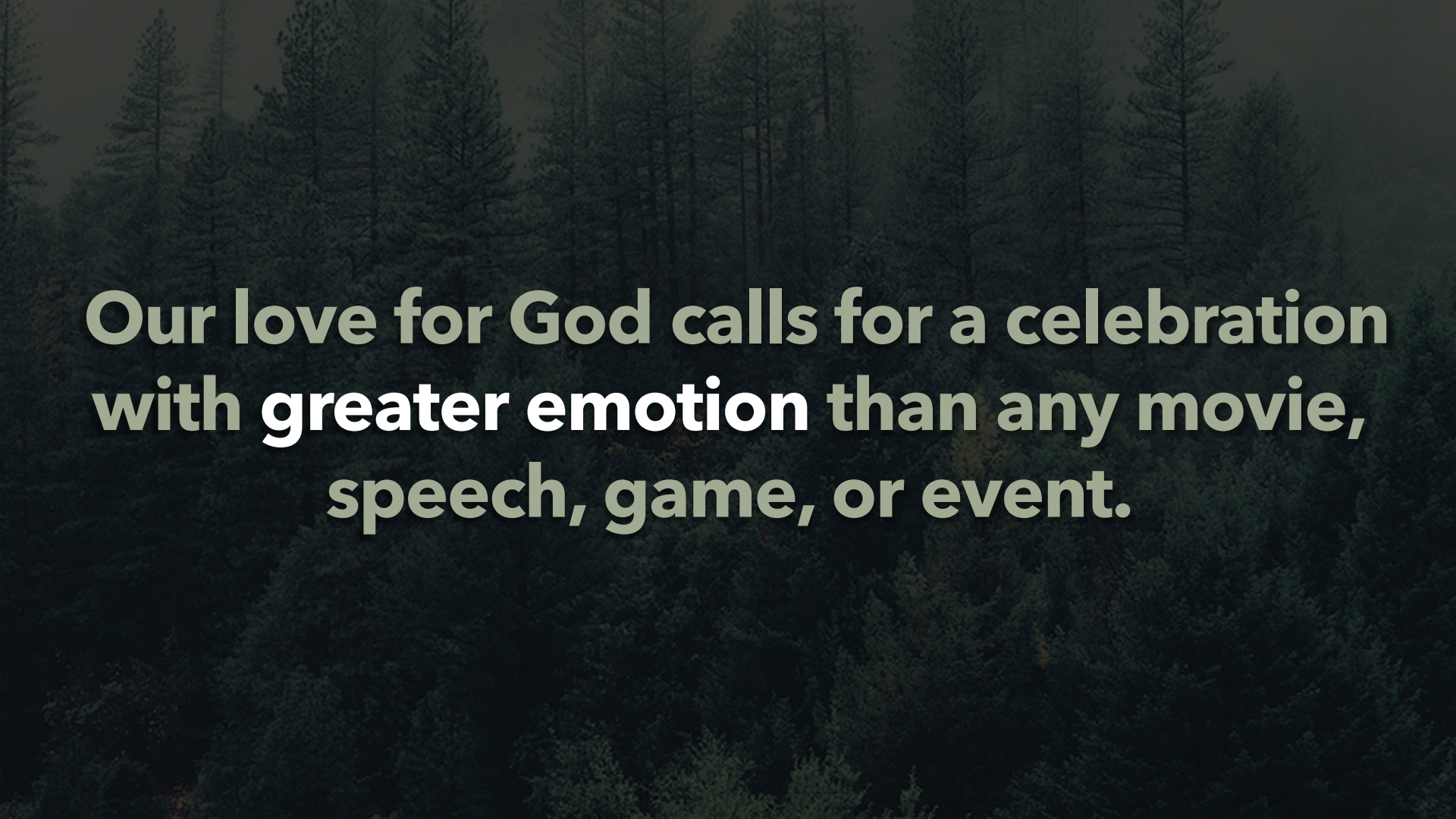


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**Our love for God calls for a celebration  
with greater emotion than any movie,  
speech, game, or event.**

# Emotion-filled Worship vs. Emotionalism

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- If we remove our emotions, worship becomes **partial** and **inauthentic**.

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“Truth without emotion produces **dead orthodoxy** and a church full of **artificial admirers**... On the other hand, emotion without truth produces **empty frenzy** and cultivates **shallow people who refuse the discipline of rigorous thought**. But true worship comes from people who are deeply emotional and who love deep and sound doctrine. Strong affections for God rooted in truth are the bone and marrow of Biblical worship.”

**John Piper, Desiring God**

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- We can use our mind in worship to **focus** our thoughts on God.



**My God oversees the universe  
and everything in it,  
and He has promised to  
lead me to good places  
and supply all my needs.**

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- “Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.” – Romans 12:1

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- **We do not own the rights to our body.**

Our entire being is fashioned as an instrument of praise. Just as a master violin maker designs an instrument to produce maximum aesthetic results, so God tailor-made our bodies, souls, and spirits to work together in consonance to produce pleasing expressions of praise and worship. When we use body language to express praise, **that which is internal becomes visible.**

**Don McMinn,** A Heart For Worship by Lamar Boschman

# Whole Worshipers will love God all their...

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- **Strength** (body)



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