

## **Weekly Study of Sunday's Message.**

**Sunday October 28, 2018. "David-the worshipper".**

### **A. Intro.**

Welcome to the weekly devotional that gives you some specific things to work thru from the message this past Sunday. Whether you were able to attend the worship service or not, this devotional is free-standing and you can still use it to help you dig deeper in your own spiritual walk.

Take as long as you need to dive into this material and feel free to share it.

### **B. Sunday's Message.**

Pastor Lamar brought us the final message in the David series. And he closed it with the importance and centrality of worship in the life and story of David. David realized that in order to lead well, not only to help him be the best person he could be, but to inspire the people to be a great nation, he had to make worship central to his leadership.

There has to be a vision cast for something greater, more significant, more meaningful and purposeful than just the day to day details of running a nation, organization, business, family.

So, at the risk of possibly getting a little political.

**How do you see the need for a larger, greater vision for a diverse group of people to come together and be unified?**

**What might you have to overcome, manage, (means you realize the specifics may not change but to lessen the impact of the negative ones), to unite people to a larger grander purpose?**

**What could this understanding of a greater vision look like in your day to day life?**

### **C. Scripture.**

The passage used Sunday morning is a remarkable look at the leader of a powerful nation, who put this understanding of what it takes to lead people into practice. And centered the understanding of worship and its importance as the value for the nation of Israel.

Read the passage in **2 Samuel 6:12-23** of the account of David bringing the Ark of the Covenant back to the temple, and David's response to this celebration.

This is such an amazing story. You see a man, who is anointed of God, the king of a powerful nation, understand the importance of worship in his life, and his ability to lead. And as a central value for a nation that was built on an understanding that God is actually the true leader of Israel.

The Ark of the Covenant carried the Ten Commandments from Moses, and a few other notable artifacts, and was a central element in understanding the faithfulness and nature of God.

But Michal, David's wife, didn't understand it, and missed that true worship will change us and make us 'behave' even 'be', a different person. And because she wasn't willing to enter into this understanding of worship, it caused her to be bitter and resentful at those who could.

We don't necessarily have tangible items that remind us of who God is, but we have moments and things in our lives that do keep us focused on God.

**What are one or two things, for you that remind you who God is?**

**How does your life look different because of your understanding of who God is?**

**And here is the question that pushes us today.**

**Do we have that same level of public sharing of what God means to us that David did?**

David, in his act of worship, made the statement that worship places his life, ambitions, time, money under the leadership of God.

God doesn't need our worship, he was okay without us, but wants to direct it. That means help us understand worship in a way that's most beneficial for us. YES!!! God actually cares about us. And wants those acts of our faith to make our lives better, not just to stroke his ego or prop him up. But this means **we worship with all of who we are**. This doesn't mean you have to worship a specific way. This is not saying that you need to be more expressive in church. We all experience God in different ways. If **worship is placing all of who we are under God's leadership**, then fully worshipping means finding those things we are still holding onto, and surrendering them to God.

So..the obvious questions.

**What could you still be holding onto that inhibits your surrender to God?**

**What would it take for you to begin to lay those down at the feet of God?**

This final series showed us the importance of 'worshipping' in our daily life and relationship with God. This isn't about going to church, or even how we practice our worship. This is about what we do with those things in our life that God wants to help us use more effectively than we are.

### **Conclusion.**

Wrapping this David series, we only scratched the surface of one of the most interesting people in scripture. David showed us the best in what it means to live a life devoted to God, and also what it looks like to make some really big mistakes. And yet, in the New Testament, David was described as "*a man after God's heart*". This is what allowed David to not give up in pursuing a vital, meaningful, life-giving relationship with God...no matter what.

Of all the messages in this series this is what we hope you take with you. **God is passionately crazy about you, and only wants the best for you.** It may feel restrictive at times. But as adults we all know, that no matter how old we get, we still need wise boundaries in our life to keep us going in the right direction. We don't always choose well, but a continual walk with God, can help us grow the skill set and abilities to live a life full of purpose and meaning. AND... if we find a community of faith, a church, to do this with, then we can be helped and help others who are all on the same journey.