



# Discipleship Guide

Sermon: Worship That Wars

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## CORE THEME

Worship is not passive—it is a strategy of surrender that positions us to see God fight on our behalf.

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## KEY TRUTH

“The battle is not yours, but God’s.” — 2 Chronicles 20

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## 1. THE POWER (AND DANGER) OF AGREEMENTS

Jehoshaphat was a righteous king—but he made an agreement with Ahab, a king rooted in corruption and idolatry.

- Not every opportunity is God’s will
- Not every connection is safe
- You cannot change people through your own effort—only God can

**Spiritual Insight:**

Who you align yourself with spiritually matters.

**Discussion Questions:**

- Are there relationships or agreements in your life that pull you away from God?
  - Do you enter relationships based on potential or fruit?
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## 2. WHEN YOU MISS IT—GO TO GOD

After the consequences of his decisions, Jehoshaphat doesn’t run from God—he runs to Him.

This contrasts with the response in Genesis 3, where shame caused hiding.

**Key Insight:**

Shame says “hide.”

God says “Where are you? I’m looking for you.”

**Discussion Questions:**

- What is your first response when you mess up—hide or seek God?
  - Is shame keeping you from intimacy with Him?
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### 3. HUMILITY ACTIVATES HEAVEN

Jehoshaphat's response to crisis wasn't panic—it was humility.

- He prayed
- He fasted
- He gathered the people

**Spiritual Principle:**

Humility positions you to hear God clearly.

**Discussion Questions:**

- How do you typically respond to pressure—control or surrender?
  - What would it look like to humble yourself before God this week?
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### 4. THE BATTLE BELONGS TO GOD

God speaks through Jahaziel with a clear instruction:

“Do not be afraid... the battle is not yours, but God's.” — 2 Chronicles 20

- Fear should not drive your decisions
- God is not asking you to win—He's asking you to trust

**Key Insight:**

You are not the source of victory—God is.

**Discussion Questions:**

- What battle are you trying to fight in your own strength?
  - What would it look like to give that fully to God?
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### 5. WORSHIP IS THE STRATEGY

Instead of sending warriors first, Jehoshaphat sends worshipers.

- Worship went before the army

- Praise came before the breakthrough
- Gratitude came before the outcome

**Spiritual Insight:**

Worship is not a reaction—it is a weapon.

**Discussion Questions:**

- Do you wait for breakthrough to worship, or worship before it comes?
  - How can you practically lead with worship this week?
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## 6. REMEMBER WHO YOU ARE

The tribe of Judah was literally the tribe of praise.

God was reminding them:

“Fight like who I created you to be.”

**Key Insight:**

Your identity determines your strategy.

**Discussion Questions:**

- Do you live aware of your identity in God?
  - How does your identity shape how you face battles?
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## GROUP ACTIVATION

- Identify one “battle” and surrender it to God in prayer
- Spend time in worship before asking for answers
- Repent for any misaligned agreements
- Declare: “The battle is not mine—it belongs to God”

# 5-DAY DEVOTIONAL: WORSHIP THAT WARS

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## DAY 1: Guard Your Agreements

Scripture: 2 Chronicles 19:2

Not every connection is from God. Alignment matters.

Reflection:

Who or what am I in agreement with that may be pulling me away from God?

Prayer:

“Lord, align my relationships with Your will.”

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## DAY 2: Run to God, Not Away

Scripture: Genesis 3

Even in your mistakes, God is still pursuing you.

Reflection:

Where has shame caused me to hide?

Prayer:

“God, I choose to come to You, not run from You.”

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## DAY 3: Choose Humility Over Control

Scripture: 2 Chronicles 20

Humility opens the door for God to move.

Reflection:

Am I trying to control what I should surrender?

Prayer:

“I humble myself before You, God. Lead me.”

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## **DAY 4: The Battle Is Not Mine**

**Scripture: 2 Chronicles 20:15**

**You don't have to carry what God has already claimed.**

**Reflection:**

**What battle do I need to release today?**

**Prayer:**

**“God, I trust You to fight for me.”**

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## **DAY 5: Worship Before the Win**

**Scripture: 2 Chronicles 20:21-22**

**Praise is your weapon. Worship is your strategy.**

**Reflection:**

**Can I worship God before I see the outcome?**

**Prayer:**

**“I praise You in advance, God. You are faithful.”**

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