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Title: What Would I Do If I Was David, pt.-4

Purpose: Provoke people to deliberately engage in Biblical expressions of praise and worship, whether we're alone with God or in church.

Truth for Today: The Bible teaches us how to express our gratitude, adoration, honor, and reverence for God.

Topic: David, Praise, Worship, Thankfulness

Text: Psalm 100

Series title: What Would I Do If...

Series purp.: Provoke people to follow God's will, God's Word and the Holy Spirit above all else

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I. Introduction

- A. Review series: "What Would I Do If...I Was David, pt-4." David gives us more insight into praise and worship than any other Biblical character. Today he'll show us how to express our worship to God. My purpose is 3-fold: (1) To teach you how the Bible says we should express our worship. Worship is more than a thinking or feeling; it must be expressed. (2) To expand the ways you express worship, (3) Challenge us not to watch others worship but actively express our worship to God.
- B. Text: [Psalm 100 (NLT)] ¹ **Shout with joy** to the Lord...² **Worship** the Lord with gladness. Come before him, **singing with joy**. ³ Acknowledge that the Lord is God! He made us, and we are his...⁴ Enter his gates with **thanksgiving**; go into his courts with **praise**...⁵ For the Lord is good. His unfailing love continues forever, and his faithfulness continues to each generation.]

II. Vs. 4 Thanksgiving; Practice saying 'thank you' throughout the day.

- A. [Psalm 75:1 (NLT)] **We thank you**, O God! **We give thanks because you are near...** [Psalm 106:1 (NLT)] **Praise the LORD! Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever.**] E.g. food, rocks yard

III.7 Expressions of joyous praise and reverent, awe inspired worship pg.20 Inside Look

- A. #1 Singing [Psalm 47:6 (NLT)] **Sing praises (MSG songs) to God**, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises!] 4x sing, most common way to express worship at church. **Excuse**: I can't or don't like to sing...sing anyway. [Ps. 95:1 (ESV)]...let us sing to the Lord; let us make a **joyful noise** to the rock of our salvation!] Don't just listen to others sing. Singing is one way we worship God.
- B. #2 Kneel, bow, standing or lay prostrate [Psalm 95:6-7 (NLT)] Come, let us worship and **bow down**. Let us **kneel** before the LORD our maker, ⁷ for he is our God. We are the people he watches over... [Psalm 33:8 (ESV)] Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the inhabitants of the world **stand in awe of him!**] These are postures to express gratitude, honor, reverence and awe. E.g. President walks in room or Veteran given medal of honor. People stand and clap because they are dignitaries worthy of honor and respect. How much more should God be honored: He saves, protects, provides
- C. #3 Lifting our hands [Psalm 134:2 (NIV)] **Lift up your hands in the sanctuary** and praise the Lord.] **Video lift hands** Why? Lifting our hands signifies honor, magnifying

- God's name, surrendering to His will, petitioning for His help. We may have a problem getting past our church tradition, e.g. me in Adak. The question we must ask ourselves is will our tradition determine how we worship or will I express my worship according to the Bible. If I don't let the Bible guide me, why not?
- D. #4 Clapping, shouting or singing loud, [Ps 47:1(NCV) **Clap your hands, all you people. Shout to God with joy.**] **Video clapping** Why clap in church? Clapping, or even shouting are expressions of great joy for who He is, what He has done and what He has promised. **Video touchdown**. Why can I clap for a touchdown and not God. Don't let tradition stop your joy. There's a time for reverence and joy in church.
- E. #5 Singing in the Spirit. Context: confusion in church services when someone prayed, spoke, or sang in tongues. Def. an unlearned language associated with the baptism of the Holy Spirit and is a spiritual gift). [1 Cor. 14:14–16 (NCV) If I pray in a different language (*def. an unlearned language given by the Holy Spirit*), my spirit is praying, but (NLT I don't understand what I'm saying).¹⁵ So what should I do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will also pray with my mind. **I will sing with my spirit, but I will also sing with my mind.**¹⁶ If you **praise God** (*ESV give thanks*) with your spirit, those persons there without understanding cannot say amen to your prayer of thanks, because they do not know what you are saying.] Don't be loud drawing attention to yourself or cause confusion for others.
- F. #6 Dancing to the Lord. [Psalm 149:3 (NLT) **Praise his name with dancing**, accompanied by tambourine and harp.] I'm not talking about doing the hokey pokey, twerking, line dancing, disco, or sensual movements but more of a 'holy hop or jumping in excitement. [2 Sam. 6:12–15 (NLT)...So David...brought the Ark of God...to the City of David (*Jerusalem*) with a **great celebration**...¹⁴ **David danced before the Lord with all his might...**] **Pic David** In church, don't draw attention to yourself but it's ok to move/ dance/ jump for joy a little bit in worship.

IV. Conclusion: Summary

- A. David taught showed us Biblical ways to express our gratitude, adoration, honor and reverence for God. We sing, kneel, bow, stand, lay prostrate, lift our hands, clap, shout, sing in the Spirit and even dance. Decide now not to let self-consciousness or tradition stop us from expressing our worship to God, not drawing attention to ourselves but giving glory to Him.

V. Response

- A. Souls: What's one of the main reasons to worship God? He saved us from the penalty of sin because Jesus died on the cross for us. Have you received Jesus as your Savior? Are you committed to follow Him every day?

VI. Bibliography/ Resources: Logos Bible Software and Library, Platinum Edition, was used to prepare this message.

VII. Supplemental

- A. #7 Using musical instruments. Context: bringing the Ark to Jerusalem, [2 Samuel 6:5 (ESV) And David and all the house of Israel were **celebrating before the Lord, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets** (*NCV rattles*) and

cymbals.] Some church traditions don't use musical instruments in church. Why? Hermeneutics, def. how we interpret the Bible. They assume because the NT is silent on the use of instruments that means we shouldn't. The Bible also doesn't mention giving online, Sunday School classes or driving cars to church. NT silence doesn't imply something is wrong especially if it was practiced in the OT like David did.