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Announcements

- VBS has closed their registration!
- Really excited. Leading games. Hanging out with kids in our community. Pointing them to Jesus. Been a part of it for 6 years. Prayer.

Intro – Title (slide)

- Approaching God Through Worship.

Pastor Brian talked about Approaching God through Prayer, it's challenging, misunderstood and neglected, but the Bible gives us instructions on how to pray.

Pastor Andrew Paulsen talked about Approaching God through Bible Reading, despite all that we feel or go through, we can be humble and in awe as He changes us.

Tonight, I want to take a road trip through a few thoughts on worship. We might make a couple pit stops along the way, maybe grab a couple souvenirs, These are not in any particular order, although it could be this order.

- Points (slide)
Inward Conviction.
Soul Satisfaction.
Outward Expression.

Theory. Understanding. Execution.

PERCEPTION OF WORSHIP (slide)

- What is your perception of worship? What comes to mind?

Singing. Surrender. Life. Praise. Church. Glorifying God.

EXPERIENCE WITH WORSHIP (slide)

- What is your experience with worship?

I remember my first encounter with God through a worship set. I remember going to Summer Camp and experiencing God's Spirit move. I've been to concerts, passionate and energetic. But when the Spirit moves, you can't help but see God's work. Prayers echoing around, praises being sung at the top of our lungs, physical/mental/spiritual chains being broken down in the name of Jesus, and the ensuing joy and freedom found in Jesus, with all united to glorify our God.

Our soul's satisfaction is worshipping God with our entire life. (slide)

But worship is not only an outward action but inward focus and mindset.

1. INWARD CONVICTION (slide)

a) – (slide) – Conviction of sin or brokenness, in need of forgiveness, change. Psalm 51 comes to mind: David committing adultery with Bathsheba, asks God to cleanse him and forgive him.

“O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.” (Psalm 51:15-17)

b) – (slide) – Having conviction and confidence in God, identity and realization of who God is and what He has done.

“In Him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in Him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of His glory.” (Ephesians 1:13-14)

As we have conviction or gain confidence in Christ, we receive soul satisfaction.

2. SOUL SATISFACTION (slide)

Are there seasons of dissatisfaction as a believer, absolutely. Where does that dissatisfaction come from: my desires, or God's desires.

Humility with God brings confidence in life. Understanding what God has done brings peace and empowerment to do what He calls us to do.

Part of living a worshipful life is living in the freedom of Jesus and being led by His Spirit. Walking about life, living, breathing, doing, listening, able to receive what God is speaking.

As we were reminded of our identity in Christ, saved, bought, and set free by the blood of Jesus and filled with His Spirit, we have peace and confidence to live for Him.

(slide) – “For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

For was are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.” (Ephesians 2:8-10)

(slide) – “God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in Him”
— **John Piper**

Our souls satisfied in Christ leads to outward expression.

3. OUTWARD EXPRESSION (slide)

I love to praise God. I truly love to praise God with music. Having the honor to lead worship this past Sunday was a real blessing. Being to express praise and gratitude together is a beautiful thing. It’s something we should not and cannot forsake.

Worship is also pictured as an act of the assembled people of God, as seen in the worship prescribed by God in the tabernacle and temple, as well as in the worship of the NT church.

This is what we picture in the church setting. Passionate worship, singing, music, drums, one voice glorifying Jesus our God.

- But worshipping God, as I have alluded to previously is a daily. all-encompassing posture, and mindset on Life.

(slide) – Worship With God. Worship With Others. Worship With Your Entire Life.

I won’t focus or exhaust what it means to interact or fellowship with other, and how we can glorify God in that. Jason Bell will talk about that in a couple weeks.

(slide) – Worship God with your life: satisfied at work, dissatisfied at work, being a spouse/in a relationship, being a parent

This was a tough season in my life. Working a 9-5, mostly with non-believers. I also saw it as such a blessing.

How you love and treat others shows a glimpse into how you love and treat God.

(slide) – Worship God with your life: being a grandparent, hobbies with others, studying at school, our entire lives.

this is true religion (“service,” “worship,” *thrēskeía*), “to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction”

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12:1 I **appeal** to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to **present** your bodies as a **living** sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

2 Do not be **conformed** to this world, but be **transformed** by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may **discern** what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. (Romans 12:1-2)

(slide) – “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.” (Colossians 3:23)

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