

THRIVE: Thrive by Worshipping
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Worshipping: Glorifying & Enjoying God

Worship is a lifestyle that permeates every aspect of our lives. Worship is seen in how we manage our money, how we run our business, how we parent our kids, how we respond to people and how we manage our dreams and ambitions. The heart of worship is a heart that enjoys God for who He is and all that He has done for us.

QUESTIONS:

We do not worship to bring His presence. We worship to heighten our awareness of His presence.

1. Ask yourself the honest question; In my mind and heart, is my worship primarily for God, or is it primarily about me?
2. How can we make the shift from 'What's in it for me' to 'You are worth it from me'?
3. Read John 4:1-26. What do you learn about worship from this exchange?
In what ways have you made worship more about a location than about presence?
4. Are there any idols or high places that you need to get rid of in order to fully worship God?
5. 7-Day Challenge
 - Worship as you wake up
 - Find a time during the day to give to worship
 - End your day in worship

Connect with someone to share how this changes your life!

FULL NOTES:

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The English word "worship" comes from *worth ship*. Worship is showing, displaying the worth of God.

Have you ever said "It was worth it"?

In a relationship, we say, "You are worth it."

Every time you say "It is worth it" you are making a value statement.

True worship is valuing or treasuring God above all things.

The Way of Jesus as a means of pursuing the Way of Self.

We need to shift from “What’s in it for me” to “You are worth it from me”.

John 4:19,20

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John 4:21

“Woman,” Jesus replied, “believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.

John 4:23,24

Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”

Worship is not about a location but about a presence

Spirit (*pneuma*): Wind or Breathe

It’s hard to see the invisible when you are preoccupied with the material.

When we are *captivated* by who He is, then we are *activated* by who He is.

Worship is Warfare

Truth (*alétheia*) - Verb - Truthing as something we do

Worship is not just Praising but Purging

1 Kings 15:14

Although he did not remove the high places, Asa’s heart was fully committed to the Lord all his life.

2 Chronicles 20:32,33

He followed the ways of his father Asa and did not stray from them; he did what was right in the eyes of the Lord. The high places, however, were not removed, and the people still had not set their hearts on the God of their ancestors.