



# Sermon Notes

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**“Removing Barriers to Worship”**

***Genesis 22:1-18***

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**Introduction:** We make it our obligation that as a church, we have Christ-centered worship. If you were to ask yourself what is worship, what comes to mind? How do you identify what worship is? Many people say it is music and praise. Some even say it is regulated to a slice of time cut out of their week to happen only on Sundays; or even to the extent that worship should be an event.

Let's take a look at the concept of worship and expand it.

**1. Calm the Noise (v. 1)**

- a. Worship is not about making noise or just singing.
- b. Worship is about what takes place in a person's life; and listening and responding to God when He leads.
- c. Let God simply have your undivided attention and get rid of the noise and distractions in your life.

**2. Commit to Obedience (v. 4)**

- a. It is natural for us to simply back away from obeying God.

- i. We feel like we can't do what God has told us to do.
- b. As we see in verse 4, Abraham still worshipped God through obedience.
  - i. Obeying God is worship.
- c. The essence of worship is that God is the priority and we are to love Him more than anything else.
- d. God blesses us when we are obedient to Him. (v. 16-17)

### **3. Celebrate His Goodness**

- a. When God blesses us, we are to give Him praise.

**Conclusion:** When we worship God, we are to worship Him by:

1. Being completely focused on Him.
2. Obeying Him.
3. Celebrating His goodness to us through His blessings.