



The Heart of Worship

SURRENDER



What is Worship?

- Romans 12: 1-2 TEV
 - “so then, my friends, because of God’s great mercy to us...offer yourselves as a living sacrifice to God, dedicated to his service and pleasing to him. This is the true worship that you should offer.”
 - True worship is bringing God pleasure.
 - True worship is offering yourself to God.
 - Worship helps you FOCUS on God.
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What is the Heart of Worship?

- The heart of worship is SURRENDER.
- The word surrender is almost always used in a negative way in our culture. To a culture taught to never give up, never give in, surrender is unthinkable.
- Winning, succeeding, overcoming, and conquering vs. yielding, submitting, obeying, and surrendering.
- We give ourselves to Him, not out of fear or duty, but because He first loved us.



Barriers to Surrendering to God

- FEAR – Can I trust God? You can't surrender unless you trust. Trust comes with knowing Him better.
- Realizing how much God loves you will cast out fear.
- He has proven His love for you. Romans 5:8 NSRV
“God proves his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us.”
- God is a savior, not a boss. A liberator, not a dictator. He brings freedom, not bondage.



Barriers to Surrendering to God

- PRIDE – letting go of control.
- Our struggle is wanting to be God.
- A.W. Tozer – “The reason why many are still troubled, still seeking, still making little forward progress is because they haven’t yet come to the end of themselves. We’re still trying to give orders, and interfering with God’s work within us.”
- Need to understand and accept our humanity.
- How do we act when we face our limitations and shortcomings?



Surrender demonstrated through....

- ▶ OBEDIENCE – Yes, Lord.
- ▶ Simon Peter in Luke 5:5 NIV “Master, we’ve worked hard all through the night and haven’t caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets.”
- ▶ Obeying God’s word, even when it doesn’t make sense to us.



Surrender demonstrated through...

- ▶ TRUST – Do we manipulate, force, and control; or do we rely on God?
- ▶ Psalm 37:7 GWT “Surrender yourself to the Lord, and wait patiently for Him”
- ▶ Joseph in Genesis 45: 4-8
- ▶ Jesus in the Garden. Mark 14: 36 NLT “Father, everything is possible for you. Please take this cup of suffering away from me. Yet, I want your will, not mine.”



Genuine Surrender is.....

- **HARD WORK.** Intense warfare against our self-centered nature. Surrender is not passive.
- There is a moment of Surrender and a day to day practice of Surrender.
- The Problem with a living sacrifice is that it can crawl off the altar, so you may have to resurrender your life daily, (Paul said "I die daily") or fifty times a day. Ouch.



Genuine Surrender is....

- A BLESSING. Through power, peace, and freedom.
- His Power comes through Surrender. Victory comes through Surrender. Joshua and the Battle of Jericho. Joshua 5
- William Booth said “The greatness of a man’s power is in the measure of his surrender.”
- His Peace comes through Surrender. Job 22:21 NLT “Stop quarreling with God! If you agree with him you will have peace at last, and things will go well for you.”
- His Freedom comes through Surrender. Romans 6:17 Message “Offer yourselves to the ways of God and the freedom never quits....his commands set you free to live openly in his freedom.”



You were designed to worship God.

- ▶ If we don't worship Him, we will create other things (idols) to give our life to.
 - ▶ God uses people who are surrendered in worship to Him.
 - ▶ In closing, a question for next week. What does "Worship That Pleases God" look like?
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