

Worship in a War-torn World! Part 4: Worship from the Inside!

Communion... He said, "Do this in remembrance of Me!" And of course there are many aspects... Today, we need to look into the eyes of the living, resurrected, Jesus... Praying for us... **Heb 7.25** Cheering us on... **Heb 12.2** Yearning for us to move on and up in our lives of faith/experience... **John 6.63-69**

Simultaneous steps to fulfilling the mission of saving the world around us!

Today, we need to look into the eyes of the *was-dead, now alive, serious about our lives-changing*, Jesus... And answer the question... Will we bend our will and ways/worship? Will we show that we begin to understand that our fulfillment is found in worship?

Walking thru a short series on worship! Because worship: *bowing to God's way and will*, is the only way to walk thru this war-torn world... It's a straight and narrow way that leads to life and the bedrock of salvation for the people we love!

So far... Looked at worship as singing! Slipping-out of our distractions ASAP... Zeroing-in on His presence/our presence of mind in the lyrical proclamations... Leaving nothing to take home! Then from a model of what we do understand we learned a lot about the other things we want out of life...

THAT EVERYTHING WE WANT AND NEED FOR FULFILLED LIFE WILL BE FOUND IN WORSHIP!

Then we looked at three models of worship: Servant, Prophet, Soldier... To see in Jesus the role of them all! And took a longer look at the role of the Soldier... As we opened the topic on Spiritual Warfare! We are never going to be free to serve, to speak, to go to war for souls... If we do not understand spiritual warfare and it's strategy... *"Keep them from worshipping God!"*

Spiritual warfare... Is part and parcel of the Christian life! Is something we are well informed about and equipped to win... Always falls out for the name and fame of Jesus *if we know who we are!* "Jesus & Paul we know, who are you?" Directly affects the quality of life we have on small and large scales of life!

Worship in the midst of warfare brings clarity and a deep and wonderful experience with God!

So... what does a life of worship look like? We know what servants, prophets, and a soldiers look like from the outside! What does a life of worship look like from the inside?

Caveat... Heart of a servant is to hear and obey! "What do you think? A man had two sons; he said to one, "Son, go work today in my vineyard." He answered, 'I will not!' But later he repented, and went. The dad said the same to the other son. He answered, 'I will!' But he didn't. Which of the two did the will of his father? His listeners said, The first. Jesus said, "Truthfully I say unto you, that the publicans and harlots will enter the kingdom of God before you." **Mt 21.28-31**

What do you think? God has sons; He says to one, "Go and do My will today." The answer, 'No, I will not! I cannot!' But later he repents and goes. God says the same to another. The answer, 'I will!' But he doesn't. Which of the two does the will of his Father? The answer? The first. Jesus says, "Truthfully I say unto you, that people who know their deliverance and bow in worship will enter the kingdom of God before you." **Mt 21.28-31 (personalized)**

So, if we hear His voice calling today from His word and do it... We are obedient sons and daughters; servants, prophets and soldiers who are worshippers in spirit and truth! **And if we hear His word today and don't do it...** We are not obedient worshippers... And we are not entering the kingdom of God to walk in fullness! *Are we agreed?(NO CONDEMNATION, BUT IT IS GOOD FOR OBSERVATION!)*

Three different but related app's as a model...! A life of worship from the inside... Premise #1: "Everything we want and need is to be unlocked in worship!" Premise #2: For each promise, there is a body of truth and decision to be made!

Promise/Desire: We want/need good marriages! It's obvious we live in a war-torn world when it comes to marriage! Seductions from media/streets... Anger/bitterness/disillusionment from a too high divorce rate... Co-habitation increase! Mega billion-dollar porn industry!

Will we bow to His body of truth for good marriages *as a form of worship?* "Where there is separation there is a need for true worship!" Or ourselves, or another "idol?" New cultural norms and mores?

Body of truth... God designed for life/ministry to flow from marriage... **Gen 1.26-28** He designed "counterparts" for every person! (2-1 concept) **2.18** Counter-partner not counter-puncher! "Piece-Completer:" The 2-in-1, finding *completion* in God! **Ecc4.9-12**

Asides... Are singles only "half-people?" No more than married couples are only half-married without kids... *We are wholly what we are until we take the next step into new wholeness!* Jesus made it clear that there are some called to single-ness! **Mt19.11** "eunuchs:" desire/ability incapacitated for heaven's sake!" Paul made it clear that if you still *burn with desire/originally equipped* for opposite sex you need to get married! **1Cor 7.1-9**

Never married's/divorcees/ widows/ cohabitor's have a destiny if they will "worship..." rather than "will-worship." Worship: love and bow down before God, being prepared, repaired, or both... Will-worship: Never going there again! Hurt/abused too badly... Too much work for too little benefit... Taking care of *burning desire* problem *other ways...* **There are half-believers but it has nothing to do with being single!**

His will is for marriage to look like Jesus and the church! **Eph 5.21-31** And where it doesn't/worship gap! Worship is a recipe for "FIX IT!" All the loving, sacrificing, submitting, reverencing, honoring, and nurturing is an issue of worship!

Will we bow down to do marriage His way (worship) or our way (will-worship)?

Co-habitation! Society/family accepts it! Friends are doing it! "marriage w/o the paper (covenant)!" God's body of truth regarding it... Fornication: sex outside the marriage bond... "evil from out of the heart (Jesus)..." "corruption of idols (worship)..." Work of the flesh and world to be put away... not to be part of body of Christ!

Decision to worship Him or our will?

Pornography! Society says it's acceptable "spice!" Friends tell me it helped their marriage! I think it's okay as long as it's consensual! I use it as "deflection therapy" to keep from getting frustrated with my mate! **But God has a body of truth regarding purity, integrity, adultery...**

Will we worship? Or will worship? One for bondage/one for freedom!

All three app's deal with the realization of God's will for partnership... and our decision to worship!

All three app's model the reality of God's will for our lives and our decision to worship Him in a war-torn world!