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# EXTREME FAITH

## Worship

“Worship is a verb, defined as ‘regard with great or extravagant respect, honor, or devotion.’ It is an active expression of our love toward God...”

Name:

## Take me home!

Define yourself radically as one beloved by God. This is the true self every other identity is an illusion.

Discover your identity through worship

## WORSHIP

### What are you worth?...

What are you worth? Where do you go to define your identity and worth? We become what we worship. We find out who we are and what we are made of by what we worship. It can be hard to come to God and worship Him because we know all the junk that is in our life. As much as that has the ability to stop you from worshiping God, you must not let it stop you. Worshiping God sets us free to be who we were made to be. We become and understand deeply what we worship in life. If you worship God you will know God more and more, and in knowing God more and more you will know who you are. Check out what God says about you. Matthew 10:28-31 says this about you! **28 Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell. 29 Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from the will of your Father. 30 And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. 31 So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.**

Wow we are so loved by God even though we screw things up at times and fail to follow Him with deep intention. God knows our heart and He knows what He created us to be. That's it when He looks at you He sees something that He loves and cares for. You

have value and you are worth a great deal. Know think about that and tell me you don't want to worship God! God is worthy of our worship because He is so great! God loves you and you need to respond to that love with your life! Now when you give God your life you are basically doing the best thing that you could ever do because He loves you so much He will care for your life and He will take you to the top. If you know who you are through worshiping God then you will be on the right track. When we worship God we are learning who we are and what we were made to be. It is a win, win situation. **Your future has never relied on anyone else's opinion of your ability.** Your future rest in the hands of God, and when you join with Him then you will know your worth. He tells us what we are worth and what we are created for. Believe this you were created for greatness and for wonderful things, that change the world around you. Dig into worship and give God the glory that He deserves for He is worthy of praise. When you praise Him you will see who you are and you will run with power and strength. You are a child of God, worship your father and know who He is and allow Him to show you who you are. He cares for you so much He knows the number of hairs on your head!



Living Extreme means...

Knowing who you are... If you know who you are and what you were made for that is extreme. Most of the people around you don't know who they are they struggle and sway back and forth with their identity. God made you a prince and a princess. Know live in that extreme reality! Live in that place and know who you are! Once you know who you are because you have received your identity from God, then you will be able to show and lead others to their identity. You will be a person who worships God because you will understand how extreme He is and your life will become extreme!

## Experts From Extravagant Worship

Many people, including myself, have battled with insecurity, inadequacy, and intimidation all the "in" words. But Jesus said, Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from the will of your Father. And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven. (Matthew 10.28-32) It is difficult to carry the weight of inferiority into our time of worship. Worship is a time to focus on who God is; it is a time to enjoy the awesome authority and anointing that He puts on His people who come into His presence with praise. Sometimes the Enemy works very hard to keep us from worshiping freely, but sometimes we simply lack discipline in our thought life. If we read the Word and keep God's truth in our heart, we will focus our attention on His greatness and on the value that He places on us. "Don't be afraid;" He said, "you are worth more than many sparrows."

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## CHARACTER

### EXTREME APPLICATION

We talk a lot about know who you are and what God thinks about you. It is important as children of God that we know who He says we are because He is the most important person to us. Think of it this way if you know who your are in God then you are extreme. This world and the people in it don't hold you hostage. You are leading other people to their identity because you know the source of identity.

### Think About it The tension of

#### (Knowing who you are through worship)

Think about how people get their identity in this world. In their phone, in the the things they own. The way that they look and the way that they dress. There are so many ways that people develop and grow their identity. There is truth in the statement that we become what we worship. If their identity is in the way that they look and who they think they are then well you got it they worship themselves. They have put themselves on a pedestal and they depend on themselves to know who they are. What happens when they get knocked off the pedestal that they have put themselves on. Where do they turn, how do they rebuild who they are? See we have to understand that we cannot look to things or even ourselves to develop who we are. We have to look to a source greater than ourselves to know who we are. You may have great talents, and wicked skills but they will never be what you build your identity out of. We are to only worship God. We are to praise only one and that creates tension. Especially in a world where everything gets the praise and everything is worshiped. When you choose to worship God and allow Him to be what defines your identity you will stand in contrast to the world and you will be different. The world does not like things that are different and don't go with the flow. So you got it as you worship God and trust Him completely you will experience tension. But what better place to be than to be in a place of tension with the world. As we worship God and follow Him we will know that we are in the right place to do and become all that He created us to be.

We all want to do our best at least most of us do, and the only way you will ever be able to do that is by living in the tension of the world as you worship God. We will become all that He longs for us to be as we worship Him. You will learn who you are and you will experience all that He has for you. Choose to live in the tension and run after your God with extravagant worship!



# DIG IN

Matthew 10:28-31

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1. Who are you?

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2. Who does God say you are?

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3. What do you worship, what do you hold most dear to your heart?

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4. Talk about This is small Group:

How do you define yourself?

Think about what you worship in life and ask how it has defined you?

What do you think about the concept that the only thing we are to worship is God? Is it possible to live that way

## A CHALLENGE FOR YOU:

Work through it take time and really ask yourself if you worship God alone. What things will you have to get rid of so that He is the only thing that you worship. God is great and longs for you to develop you identity out of Him, and Him alone. Go for it go to your secret place and start working it out with God.

UNDERSTANDING  
WORSHIP



## Experts From Extravagant Worship

I love those words. Knowing our value enriches our worship of God, and not because of what we do, but because of who He is. God sees all of our inadequacies through the blood of Christ. Because of Jesus, our heavenly Father sees us just as He sees His Son—beautiful and perfect. God looks at us just as a loving parent looks at his children. My three daughters could be naughty; but I look at them, and I think they are perfect. They are totally luscious! Unapologetically, I think they are magnificent. I think the day God put them on the earth He did the best thing He has ever done! That is the heart of a parent, and how much more does God look at us and say, "Oh, they are my precious, beloved children." When we do mess up, Jesus stands as our high priest before the Father to defend us. He tells the Father, "They are the ones you have given me. I am in them, and you are in me. Look at how beautiful they are." Because of Jesus, we can "approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need" (Hebrews 4:16). That should give us enough courage to stand up straight and understand our value; not because of who we are or anything we have ever done; we are valuable because Jesus loves us. When you understand who you are in Christ, a rest enters your soul that cannot coexist with striving and struggling. Just as darkness cannot coexist with light, striving for approval does not coexist with confidence in His grace. Who you are in Christ matters more than what you do. God accepts and loves you, just as you are, to demonstrate His glory to all the world. First Corinthians 1:26-31 says, Think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, so that no one may boast before him. It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. Therefore, as it is written: "Let him who boasts boast in the Lord." That's my testimony; I was the girl "least likely to succeed." The first ministry trip my husband and I went on with our senior pastor, Brian Houston, was to England. I sang a song with a backup soundtrack before Pastor Brian preached. I found out that one of the pastors in the church we ministered in said to Brian, "You were fantastic, but she doesn't have what it takes." But God has given me opportunities beyond my hopes or imaginations. My future has never relied on anyone else's opinion of my ability. I'm a testimony of God's grace. God uses people who say, "Well, Lord, this is all I have to offer you; so if I'm going to be used in the kingdom, you will have to work through me." The very least we can do is give God our lives and let Him show us the great things He can do through our yielded hearts and hands. We have been created with the divine purpose of having Jesus as the center of our existence. We were created to worship Him in all we do. Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. (Hebrews 10:19-23) We have an invitation to enter into the Most Holy Place, where our heavenly Father sits. Through worship we put Christ as the chief corner-stone of our lives, and the power we have access to in His presence is real. He longs for us to draw closer to Him. He has cleansed our hearts and made them pure so that we can stand in His presence. So we continue to praise our mighty Lord—to sing, clap, dance, celebrate, get soaked in His presence and overwhelmed by His grace. Shout for joy to the Lord.... Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations. (Psalm 100:1-5)

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and  
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