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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!



## WORSHIP

### Living a life of worship...

Worshipping God is a life style, it is a way that we live. It is not an event that we attend and participate in from time to time. We are called to worship God with our lives. We are to live lives of worship to God. Which means that we are to worship God in all that we do, all that we speak, and all that we think... That sounds like a tall order, but all the glory goes to Jesus because our works do not earn us salvation, Jesus paid for our salvation on the cross. We respond to Jesus by living our lives to draw closer to God and to worship Him in all that we do.

Have you ever thought about how you live your life? What causes you to make certain decisions? Why do you do what you do? What navigates you to think certain ways about this or that? When we live our lives as acts of worship to God it deepens our relationship with Him and lets us become who we were made to be. Romans 12:1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. What do you think it means to live your life as a living sacrifice? Do you see yourself praying all the time, doing nothing but reading the bible? That is what many people might think of but this verse goes more deeper than that. This verse points us back to Jesus and the way that He lived when He was on the earth, walking in the flesh.

Jesus lived his life looking for the things that His father God wanted Him to do. He was on mission to show the world who God is. Do you live your life on mission to show the world who God is? Do you find that when you are seeking out what God wants you to do that you are growing closer to God? Living our lives as worship to God causes us to love God more and live the life that He has for us to live. The life that He has for us to live is much greater than any other life that you will ever know. James 4:8 puts it this way. 8 Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. God longs for us to be close to Him. All we need to do is draw close to Him. When we seek to live a life that is about Him, and for Him. It causes us to lose interest in the things that use to distract us away from God. Living your life as an act of worship to God is the most powerful way to live your life! When you find the power of Love you will see that God's way is the best way. Be guided by God is the only thing that will ever matter, because God is the best way that you will ever go. Take some time this week and dig into living your life as a sacrifice as an act of worship and you will never ever want to live any other way!



Living Extreme means...

When was the last time that you took a risk? I mean when was the last time that you really just hung it out there and took a big risk. When you think about living a life for God, and living a life that is meant to worship Him, well it might seem like a risk. If it is something that you have not done before then it will be a risk. But come on life is not meant to be all safe and cozy. We have to push ourselves or we will not grow. So get ready and take a jump and risk it all and let God lead the way. Live your life as an offering to God and see what happens when you go for it!

You never will know if you never try to go for it and live a life that is pure worship to God. Seek Him in all that you do and you will find Him in all that you do. It is the best way to live!

## Experts From Extravagant Worship

Worshipping our Savior, Jesus Christ, is fundamental to living a faith-filled, Spirit-led, Christian life. There are countless, conflicting opinions as to how we actually worship the Lord. There are multiple worship methods, plans, and styles that vary among cultures and geographic boundaries. The Lord enjoys the diversity of sincere worship when expressed through His Spirit and in truth. Worship should be a way of life, with many facets of expression. The insistence that there is only one way to worship God has often left the body of Christ confused, fragmented, and frustrated. Some worship leaders declare that a certain defining style of worship is the only correct way to worship the Lord, but that is a narrow view of His inexhaustible riches. Music and song are ways we can praise God's name, but the Word says we can worship God with feasting too (Psalm 22:29). I think that's a great concept! We can worship the Lord with joyful songs (Psalm 100:2). We can worship God with sacrifices and offerings (Isaiah 19:21). We can even worship God by walking and jumping, as the man did who had been lame but now was healed by the name of Jesus

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## CHARACTER

### EXTREME APPLICATION

Do you know anybody who lives with worshipping God at the center of their life? What is that person's character like? Is it a character that you would like to have? How do you process your character and who you are. Try running after God and living for Him and your character will be extreme and it will encourage others!

### Think About it The tension of

#### (of Worshipping God alone)

Light it up and let it Go! What happens when you are really you, and you are so happy to be you. Chances are it creates tension, and other people want you to be like them. Or they want you to be the way they think you should be. But when you are truly you there is no stopping you.

So Light it up and let it go! Be who you were created to be! You were made to worship God, you were made to follow God, and to live your life as an act of worship to Him!

This will set you apart from the crowd this will make your life extreme and it will make you fall in love with God. You will never ever want to go back you will be the person you were made to be. Living a life that is worship to God causes you to be who you were born to be. There is nothing better to put your faith in. You must give it a try and trust God Completely! There will be tension in your life because you choose to live this way but it will be worth it.

Run after God and let your life be a living sacrifice pleasing to God. It will change your life and it will impact and change lives around you!



Romans 12:1

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1. How do you worship God?

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2. What in your life would change if you lived for God?

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3. What does it mean to live a life of worship (Circle all that apply)

- Give God the glory    Follow God in all that you do    Change who you are  
Only listen to Christian Music    Live an exciting Life    Get new friends who love God  
Keep God in 1st place

4. Talk about This is small Group:

What do you think is extreme?

What is your life extreme about?

How is living for God in all that you do extreme?

## A CHALLENGE FOR YOU:

Live your life on the extreme edge of God. Make everything that you do, be for God. Let your life be an act of Worship. So do this Follow God, talk with Him all day and check in with Him about everything. That will be extreme and it will be different I promise you.

UNDERSTANDING  
WORSHIP



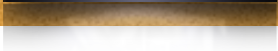
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(Acts 3:8-9). But regardless of the method, the act of worship must be in spirit (from our rational consciousness) and truth (consistent with the rest of our lives) (John 4:24).

We don't have to be great singers or musicians to worship God. Our worship can be filled with radical demonstrations of praise and other times be very quiet and personal. Neither is better than the other. But we do need to be in a personal relationship with our great God and live with the truth of His greatness reflecting through all we are becoming and all we do. I have lived under the weight of many unhealthy labels in my life, but I have a long-ing in me for the King of heaven to label me along with Mary as an "extravagant worshiper." As a worship minister, I ask believers to examine themselves and ask, "Are we there yet?" Parents know that phrase is often asked at the beginning of a long, long journey. "Are we there yet? Are we there? Are we there yet?" Even though it seems we've been traveling for hours, we still have a long way to go before our worship will be extravagant. When the ark of the Lord's covenant was finally brought to its place in the inner sanctuary of the temple, the Most Holy Place, the priests, musicians, and singers joined in unison to bring extravagant worship. "All the Levites who were musicians ... stood on the east side of the altar, dressed in fine linen and playing cymbals, harps and lyres. They were accompanied by 120 priests sounding trumpets. The trumpeters and singers joined in unison, as with one voice, to give praise and thanks to the Lord. Accompanied by trumpets, cymbals and other instruments, they ... sang: 'He is good; his love endures forever.' Then the temple of the Lord was filled with a cloud, and the priests could not perform their service because of the cloud, for the glory of the Lord filled the temple of God" (2 Chronicles 5:12-14, emphasis added). The priests' attempt to connect with God was blown away by God's coming and connecting with them. Extravagant worship is not achieved by taking shortcuts. People often want quick solutions; they want directions to the easy path; but shortcuts never lead to the gold in life. Most shortcuts eventually become setbacks. I have tried shortcuts to worship, and I have tried to do things my way, but I only ended up frustrated, and the goal I was chasing seemed farther and farther away. To practice extravagant worship, we need to get good at saying, "I lay down my life." Come to Jesus with a grateful heart, and in everything you do live a lifestyle filled with extravagant worship.

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