

Welcome Home



Welcome Home: A House of Praise

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Scripture: 2 Chronicles 20:3

Sermon Overview: Worship is a weapon, our secret weapon. It's the way we fight spiritual battles, shift the atmosphere, and prophesy our praise.

Sermon Series Questions:

1. What does it mean to seek The Lord?
2. What does worship and praise mean to you? What does that look like in your everyday life?

Sermon Specific Questions:

1. Worship is a lifestyle, it glorifies God, it requires giving God our best efforts in order to go to another level. In what ways are you stretching yourself to get to another level where worship is a weapon?
2. There are two types of worship. Worship 1.0, when we worship because of our circumstances and Worship 2.0, when we worship in spite of our circumstances. What type are you currently at and what do you tend to do when you don't know what to do?
3. Paul and Silas in Acts 23-25 were in hard times and they went into Worship 2.0, where they were praising over their problems and circumstances; they put on the garment of praise (Psalms 42). How can you make a pre decision to give God the sacrifice of praise when you face hard times?

4. "Praise through as I pray through" Worship and praise shifts the atmosphere, my attitude, elevates my faith, takes the sealing off, it's where healing and miracles happen. What breakthroughs are you currently praying for/ praising through?

Digging Deeper:

- Tips for your Worship/Praise Time:
 - When you don't know what to do, seek first the kingdom of God. (Matthew 6:33)
 - Record in a gratitude journal, serve, love on people, give, anything that glorifies God
 - Worship/praise, as with prayer, is like using a muscle, it takes time to build, so give yourself grace as you form new habits.

Practical Application:

- House of Prayer - meets Thursdays at 7:14 pm at Capital Turnaround. Join us every Thursday beginning Sept. 8 at Capital Turnaround. Visit ncc.re/houseofprayer for more details.
- Upper Room is a new community space dedicated solely to prayer. All are welcome. Upper Room prayer sets are at the Capital Turnaround (8th and L St. entrance).
- Join in Focused Prayer Set Times (visit times at ncc.re/hop):
 - Tuesdays, 7:14 am in the Upper Room
 - Wednesdays: Virtually 7:14 am on [Upper Zoom](#) (use link to fill out the form and see dates) and Noon in person at Upper Room
 - Thursdays: visit times at ncc.re/hop
- Download the NCC app or visit ncc.re/daily to listen to short, daily teachings M-F accompanying this series.
- Join a small group ncc.re/groups to discover ways you can use your talents and passions to serve the various church campuses in-person and online.
- Make a Bible reading plan a daily discipline and connect with NCC Daily. (Download the [NCC app](#) to find our plan).