

Welcome Home: House of Worship

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Welcome Home: A Place of Worship
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This is a HOUSE OF PRAISE. PRAYER is saying our praise and PRAISE is singing our prayers.

Worship is where HEAVEN meets EARTH, a place where HEAVEN invades EARTH.

The only ceiling on our intimacy with God and impact on the world is DAILY SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES. Prayer and Praise are at the top of the list.

UPPER ROOM is where we MAKE ROOM.

Jehoshaphat was ALARMED [II Chronicles 20:3](#)

Jehoshaphat SETS HIS FACE to SEEK THE LORD.

*“SEEK FIRST the kingdom of God and His righteousness,
and ALL THESE THINGS will be given unto you.”*

—Matthew 6:33

SINGING is one dimension of worship

WORSHIP has more to do with MOTIVATION than MUSIC.

SINGING is something we do with our VOICES.

WORSHIP is something we do with our HEARTS.

*“Whether you EAT or DRINK, or WHATEVER you do, do
it all to the glory of God.”*

—I Corinthians 10:3

*“The Christian shoemaker does his Christian duty NOT
by putting little crosses on the shoes, but by making
GOOD SHOES.”*

—Martin Luther

*“God is interested in GOOD CRAFTSMANSHIP.” His
namesake, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said, “If a man is
called to be a STREET SWEEPER, he should SWEEP
STREETS even as Michelangelo painted or Beethoven
composed music or Shakespeare wrote poetry. He should
sweep streets so well that all the host of heaven will
pause to say, ‘Here lived a street sweeper who did his job
well’.”*

—Martin Luther

Worship is stewarding our time, talent, and our treasure to HONOR GOD.

We are POWERLESS against this mighty army that is about to attack us.

—II Chronicles 20:12a

We don't know what to do, but OUR EYES ARE ON YOU.

—II Chronicles 20:12b

QUESTION: What do you do when you don't know what to do?

Sometimes we worship God BECAUSE OF our circumstances.

Sometimes we worship God INSPITE OF our circumstances.

Worship 2.0 is praising God on the BAD DAYS. It's worshipping when you don't FEEL LIKE IT.

Sometimes we worship PAST TENSE.

Sometimes we worship FUTURE TENSE.

WORSHIP is our LOCK. Worship is our ELEVATOR

Thus saith the Lord, "Do not be AFRAID and do not be DISMAYED. The BATTLE does not belong to you, but to

God.

—II Chronicles 20:15

When we work, we work.

When we pray, God works.

Now the GATES of JERICHO were SECURELY BARRED because of the Israelites. No one went in and no one came out.

—Joshua 6:1

When our PRAISE GOES UP, the PRESENCE OF GOD comes down

You will not have to fight this battle. STAND STILL and you will see the deliverance of the Lord. Do not be afraid, do not be dismayed. Go out to face them, and the Lord will be with you. Jehoshaphat bowed his face to the ground. All the people of Jerusalem and Judah did the same, WORSHIPPING the Lord.

—II Chronicles 20:17-18

There is a SUPERNATURAL SYNERGY when we worship together.

The king appointed SINGERS to walk ahead of the army, singing to the Lord, and praising Him for his mighty splendor. This is what they sang: WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS, MY FRIENDS. AND WE'LL KEEP ON FIGHTING TILL THE END. WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS. WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS. NO TIME FOR LOSERS, because we are the champions of the world.

—II Chronicles 20:21

The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of this world. On the contrary, they have DIVINE POWER to DEMOLISH STRONGHOLDS.

—II Corinthians 10:4

WORSHIP is our WEAPON.