



THE WAYS

WORSHIP WITH YOUR WHOLE HEART. Your life is meant to be an act of worship. Every breath, action, and thought flows from God and can bring Him glory. Praise God everywhere and embrace the opportunities to regularly worship with your church family.

1. What is your favorite part of worship?

READ Psalm 150

1. What are some of God's acts of power which we should praise Him for?
2. How is God surpassingly great?
3. Why do you think the psalmist implores *everything* not *everyone* to praise the Lord?

Scenario: Worship music and hymns just aren't your thing. Each week in church people around you have wonderful voices, someone even harmonizes; but you have never really liked to sing. We always talk about worship and how it is a response to God, but you never feel close to Him in worship. You look around in church and see other people are really into the worship, but you feels a little disengaged like you are just sitting through it.

1. Is worship and singing the same thing? Explain.
2. What are some things which might be worshipful that aren't singing?
3. What might be going on in your heart which would keep you from experiencing God in worship?
4. What do you think it would look like if you *Worshipped God with your Whole Heart*?

Worship is not music; it is life. It is a daily life lived with God. Worshipping Him with your whole heart doesn't mean you have to sing louder, clap, or dance (though some of those might happen). It means that you endeavor to bring everything that you have to God. When we serve the needy, we worship. When we gather as the church, we worship. When we work at our jobs, we worship. Consider everything you do an opportunity to *Worship God with your Whole Heart*.

PRAY TOGETHER. (Pray worshipfully. Tell God why you love Him and what you love about Him. Thank Him for His gifts.)

DAILY Devotional

MONDAY: *READ:* 2 Sam. 6:13-22. *THINK:* When the presence of God returns, the king dances like a fool. He does not care if he is humiliated in his own eyes or in the eyes of those around him. What would it be like to worship with that abandonment? Do not let discomfort or propriety keep you from worshipping with everything you have. Kneel, clap, dance, wear a linen ephod if you want, but *Worship God with your Whole Heart*. *PRAY:* for the confidence to worship with abandonment.

TUESDAY: *READ:* Isaiah 6:1-7 *THINK:* When standing in the presence of God, Isaiah feels unclean and unworthy. Sometimes what keeps us from *Worshipping God with our Whole Heart* is that our whole heart does not belong to him. Here then is the reason to worship: that though we are far from Him, God cleanses us anyway. Step towards Him in Worship and He will purify you. *PRAY:* about places you have fallen short and ask that He take away your guilt.

WEDNESDAY: *READ:* Rev. 4:6-11. *THINK:* Even if you were to sit by yourself and sing a worship song, you never worship alone. We continually join the chorus of angels who are praising our Lord. At the seat of the throne they cry out, "Holy, holy. Holy is the Lord God almighty who was, and is and is to come." When you choose to *Worship with Your Whole Heart*, you choose to join an angelic chorus to praise our mighty Lord. *PRAY:* that God would give you a glimpse of the chorus.

THURSDAY: *READ:* Exod. 20:1-7. *THINK:* We begin the 10 commandments talking about what is due to our God. God is not just mighty. God is might. God is not just loving. God is love. God is Goodness itself. Do not for a second think that since God is a friend, He is not still God. Sometimes you feel like worshipping, sometimes you don't, but that doesn't change the fact that worship and praise is what our God is due. *PRAY:* God would help you *Worship with Your Whole Heart* even when you don't feel like it.

FRIDAY: *READ:* John 4:19-26. *THINK:* Don't you know that we live in the time when worship is not restricted to the temple or to the mountain. Yes, there is power when the Church gathers to worship, but there is power too when you hum to yourself, or you kneel in prayer, or you dance for his Glory. In all you do, *Worship with Your Whole Heart* because our God is too great to only worship Him once a week. *PRAY:* that God would give you good opportunities to care for people.

SATURDAY: *READ:* Eph. 3:16-21. *THINK:* Worship is responsive and reflexive. When someone tickles you, you laugh, when you look at the sun, you sneeze, and when you are confronted by the splendor of God, you *Worship with Your Whole Heart*. Have you thought through how wonderful God is recently? Sit with His character, His deeds, or just sit in his presence. If you do, you won't be able to keep from worshipping. *PRAY:* that you could begin to grasp the glory of your Father.