

# DEPENDENT

Sermon Notes



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# STOP MAKING EXCUSES

## INTRODUCTION

### SERIES RECAP

- Wk. 1—Redefine Yourself: Who do you want to be & what are you going to do about it?
- Habit Loop
- 4 Spiritual Keystone Habits

*A Song of Ascents. Of David.*

*1I was glad when they said to me,  
“Let us go to the house of the Lord!”*

*2Our feet have been standing  
with<sup>n</sup> your gates, O Jerusalem!*

*3Jerusalem—built as a city  
that is bound firmly together,  
4to which the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the Lord,  
as was decreed for Israel,  
to give thank<sup>s</sup> to the name of the Lord.*

*5There thrones for judgment were set,  
the thro<sup>n</sup>es of the house of David.*

*6Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!  
“May the<sup>y</sup> be secure who love you!*

*7Peace be within your walls  
and sec<sup>u</sup>rity within your towers!”*

*8For my brothers and companions' sake  
I will sa<sup>y</sup>, “Peace be within you!”*

*9For the sake of the house of the Lord our God,  
I will seek your good.*

Psalm 122

## WHAT IS WORSHIP?

- Psalm 122 is an “Individual Hymn of Thanksgiving” or a “Psalm of Worship”
- Worship—comes from the Saxon word, *weorthsycpe*, which later became *worship*
- The Hebrew & Greek terms emphasize the act of prostration
- Worship

*...to ascribe the proper worth to God, magnify his worthiness of praise, or better, to approach and address God as He is worthy.*

Donald Whitney, *Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life*, 87

## HOW DO WE WORSHIP?

### WORSHIP IN ANCIENT ISRAEL

#### WHERE?

- A song of Ascents
- Jerusalem
- The House of the LORD—Tabernacle/Temple

#### WHEN?

- At least three times per year

*<sup>16</sup>Three times a year all your males shall appear before the Lord your God at the place that he will choose: at the Feast of Unleavened Bread, at the Feast of Weeks, and at the Feast of Booths. They shall not appear before the Lord empty-handed. <sup>17</sup>Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God that he has given you.*

Deuteronomy 16:16–17

- Pilgrimage Festivals
  - Tabernacles/Feast of Booths
  - Passover/Feast of Unleavened Bread
  - Pentecost/Feast of Weeks

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## HOW?

- Prayer
- Praise
- Sacrificial Gifts

## WORSHIP IN THE CHURCH

### WHERE?

- In spirit and truth

<sup>19</sup>The woman said to him, 'Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup>Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship.' <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. <sup>22</sup>You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup>But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. <sup>24</sup>God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."

John 4:19–24

- Corporately

<sup>46</sup>And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Acts 2:46–47

### WHEN?

- At least weekly

<sup>27</sup>On the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread

Acts 20:7a

<sup>2</sup>On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up

1 Corinthians 16:2a

On the Lord's own day gather together and break bread and give thanks .

Didache 14.1

## HOW?

- Liturgy—The structure of a Worship Service
  - Welcome
  - Music (Singing & Playing)
  - Prayer
  - Scripture (Reading & Preaching)
  - Baptism & Communion
  - Generosity
  - Benediction/Sending

## WHY IS CORPORATE WORSHIP A KEYSTONE HABIT?

### WORSHIP CHANGES HOW WE FEEL

- The psalmist felt joy at worship

*'I was glad when they said to me,  
"Let us go to the house of the Lord!"*

Psalm 122:1

*Our identity is shaped by what we ultimately love or what we love as ultimate—what, at the end of the day, gives us a sense of meaning, purpose, understanding, and orientation to our being-in-the-world.*

James K. A. Smith, *Desiring the Kingdom*, 27

*Our ultimate love/desire is shaped by practices, not ideas that are merely communicated to us.*  
James K. A. Smith, *Desiring the Kingdom*, 27

- Who do you want to be? Who does God want you to be?

### WORSHIP CHANGES WHAT WE BELIEVE

- The psalmist expressed belief through worship
- The heart cannot love what the mind does not know

