Got Worship? Part 2 – August 4th "THE MOTIVATION OF WORSHIP"

INTRO:

As we learned last week, the Bible tells us that worship is more than just singing songs in a church building. We learned that it entails our whole heart and is born on the inside from a relationship with God, thru Jesus Christ. It is a freewill choice that we have to stop, turn and acknowledge God anytime and anyplace.

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God intends us to exalt Him not only with our songs but with our lives. In Paul's letter to the Romans in Chapter 12, he makes this plea. "I appeal to you my friends, by the mercies of God to present yourselves as living sacrifices, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual act of worship." Paul's use of the word "bodies" is intentional. In response to God's mercy we are to worship God not simply with our words, feelings or momentary acts -but also with our bodies, our lives. Worship offered to God cannot be confined to what we do in a room on a Sunday morning. It's much more than lifting our hands and having a transcendent emotional experience. Our worship includes the ordinary and mundane things we think, say and do each day, as well as the more significant and spectacular. It's an All-Of-Life response to the forgiveness we've received through Jesus.

But WHY do we worship? If it's a freewill choice what are the reasons and motivations for human beings to worship God?

1.	Because we're	

Isaiah 43:7 "Everyone who is called by My name, Whom I have created for My glory; I have formed him, yes, I have made him."

Isaiah 43:21 "This people I have formed for Myself; They shall declare My praise."

- **Revelation 4:11** "You are worthy, O Lord our God, to receive glory and honor and power. For you created all things, and they exist because you created what you pleased."
- **Psalm 150:1-6** "Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heaven! Praise him for his mighty works; praise his unequaled greatness!

Praise him with a blast of the ram's horn; praise him with the lyre and harp! Praise him with the tambourine and dancing; praise him with strings and flutes! Praise him with a clash of cymbals; praise him with loud clanging cymbals. Let everything that breathes sing praises to the LORD! Praise the LORD!

Ecclesiastes 3:11 "Yet God has made everything beautiful for its own time. He has planted eternity in the human heart, but even so, people cannot see the whole scope of God's work from beginning to end."

2.	Because we're	

- Hebrews 4:14-16 "So then, since we have a great High Priest who has entered heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to what we believe. This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin. So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most."
- **Psalm 149:5-6**"Let the saints be joyful in glory; Let them sing aloud on their beds. Let the high praises of God *be* in their mouth and a two-edged sword in their hand."
- **Psalm 33:1-3** "Let the godly sing for joy to the LORD; it is fitting for the pure to praise him. Praise the LORD with melodies on the lyre; make music for him on the ten-stringed harp. Sing a new song of praise to him; play skillfully on the harp, and sing with joy."
- **Psalm 34:3** "O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together."

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- **Psalm 18:3** "I called on the LORD, who is worthy of praise, and he saved me from my enemies."
- **Exodus 15:11** "LORD, who is like you among the gods? Who is like you, glorious in holiness, revered with praises, performing wonders?"
- **Revelation 5:8-9** "And they sang a new song with these words: "You are worthy to take the scroll and break its seals and open it. For you were slaughtered, and your blood has ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation."
- John 20:26-28 "Eight days later the disciples were together again, and this time Thomas was with them. The doors were locked; but suddenly, as before, Jesus was standing among them. "Peace be with you," he said. ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and look at my hands. Put your hand into the wound in my side. Don't be faithless any longer. Believe!" "My Lord and my God!" Thomas exclaimed."
- John 14:5-6 "No, we don't know, Lord," Thomas said. "We have no idea where you are going, so how can we know the way?" Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you had really known me, you would know who my Father is. [c] From now on, you do know him and have seen him!"

4. Because He

- **Psalm 117:1-2** "Praise the LORD, all you nations. Praise him, all you people of the earth. For his unfailing love for us is powerful; the LORD's faithfulness endures forever. Praise the LORD!"
- **1 John 3:1** "See what great love the Father has given us that we should be called God's children—and we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it didn't know him."

- **Jeremiah 31:3** "The LORD appeared to us in the past, saying:"I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness."
- **Psalm 136:2** "Give thanks to the God of heaven! His faithful love endures forever."
- **John 3:16** "For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life."

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- Romans 5:8-11 "But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. And since we have been made right in God's sight by the blood of Christ, he will certainly save us from God's condemnation. For since our friendship with God was restored by the death of his Son while we were still his enemies, we will certainly be saved through the life of his Son. So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God because our Lord Jesus Christ has made us friends of God."
- **Psalm 118:21** "I will give thanks to you, because you have answered me and have become my salvation."
- **Psalm 130:4** "But You are the One Who forgives, so You are honored with fear."
- Acts 10:43 "He is the one all the prophets testified about, saying that everyone who believes in him will have their sins forgiven through his name."