

THE WORSHIP LEADER  
MASTER CLASS

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WELCOME



# *part 1*

A W O R S H I P L E A D E R  
F O R O U R T I M E S

**The calling to be a spiritual leader has  
just been upped once again.**

Question for the chat:

*What has been the most challenging part of leading  
worship this past year for you?*



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# *part 1*

## A WORSHIP LEADER FOR OUR TIMES

**A reset is both necessary—and invited.**

Disruptions are disturbing, challenging, and anxiety-producing. We all wish we could get a reset. Let's reset ourselves in the presence of the Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.



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## A WORSHIP LEADER FOR OUR TIMES

### **Thoughts on worship leadership in our time.**

- Talent, skill, richness, devotion stretched
- Building sets vs. reading the room
- Skill-levels don't free us to perceive the Spirit
- Loss of a deep secret-place worship life
- Highest value is passion rather than transformation
- Hearing the voice of God seen as peripheral to playing the music
- Lack of awareness of heavenly realities
- Living a life that is like Jesus in all respects





# *part 1*

## A W O R S H I P L E A D E R F O R O U R T I M E S

And so it was with me, brothers and sisters. When I came to you, **I did not come with eloquence** or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. 2 For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. 3 I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling. 4 My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a **demonstration of the Spirit's power**, 5 so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power.

1 Corinthians 2:1-4



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# *part 1*

## A W O R S H I P L E A D E R F O R O U R T I M E S

**We need you to take your role seriously.**

We can be disciples of Jesus who are also worship leaders, or worship leaders who are also disciples.

The question is what matters most.



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# *part 2*

## ESSENTIAL WORSHIP THEOLOGY

**Who we worship determines who we  
become—without fail.**

Question for the chat:

*What aspect of the character of God is most impacting  
you right now?*



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# *part 2*

## ESSENTIAL WORSHIP THEOLOGY

### **Embedded vs. Deliberative Theology (Howard Stone, *How to Think Theologically*).**

“Ask any of us: What is your concept of God, your understanding of sin or salvation, your account of the nature and purpose of the church, or your Christian view of right and wrong? ...We may hesitate and stammer, unless we have stopped at some earlier point to consider the matter. And yet our day-to-day decisions are based upon this embedded theology.”



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# *part 2*

## ESSENTIAL WORSHIP THEOLOGY

### **4 Character Traits of God that Determine Our Worship Theology**

- God as *Creator*
- God as *King*
- God as *Trinity*
- God as *Savior*

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# *part 2*

## ESSENTIAL WORSHIP THEOLOGY

### **God as Creator**

- “In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.”

Genesis 1:1



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## ESSENTIAL WORSHIP THEOLOGY

### **God as King**

- “God has set His throne in heaven; He rules over us all. He’s the King.”

Psalm 103:19



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## ESSENTIAL WORSHIP THEOLOGY

### **God as Trinity**

- “Hear O Israel, the Lord your God, the Lord is One.”

Deuteronomy 6:4



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## ESSENTIAL WORSHIP THEOLOGY

### **God as Savior**

- “You shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”

Matthew 1:21



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# *part 2*

## ESSENTIAL WORSHIP THEOLOGY

### **4 Character Traits of God that Determine Our Worship Theology**

- God as *Creator*, humans as *Sub-Creators*,  
Worship as *Creative Act*
- God as *King*, humans as *Image-Bearers*,  
Worship as *Royal Act*
- God as *Trinity*, humans as *Community-Builders*,  
Worship as *Communal Act*
- God as *Savior*, humans as *Salvation-Storytellers*,  
Worship as *Narrative Act*



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# *part 3*

HOW TO CARE FOR YOUR  
HEART AS A LEADER

**Guard your heart—from it flow the  
wellsprings of life.**

Question for the chat:

*What helped you most when you last battled anxiety or  
emotional resilience challenges in this last year?*



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# *part 3*

## HOW TO CARE FOR YOUR HEART AS A LEADER

### **My journey.**

- Anxiety
- Illness
- Differentiation & Emotional Resilience
- Secret Place Transformation
- Hope as Daily Nutrients
- Spiritual Habits for a Sustainable Faith

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# *part 4*

## ESSENTIAL WORSHIP LEADER VALUES

**The values we hold come out in our leadership—if our values are off, so will be the impact of our leadership.**

Question for the chat:

*What value in worship does your church hold that strengthens your congregation the most?*



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# *a little extra*

## CREATIVITY TIPS FOR WORSHIP LEADERS

**Creativity is like water—it can flow fresh, clear, and dynamic, or it can grow static and stagnant.**

Question for the chat:

*How do you keep your creativity flowing and energized?*



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# *a blessing*

## MOVING FORWARD

Ephesians 3:14-21 “For this reason I kneel before the Father, 15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. 16 I pray that out of his glorious riches he may **strengthen you with power through his Spirit** in your inner being, 17 so that **Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith**. And I pray that you, being **rooted and established in love**, 18 **may have power**, together with all the Lord’s holy people, **to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ**, 19 and to **know this love that surpasses knowledge**—that you **may be filled** to the measure of all the fullness of God. 20 Now to him who is able to do **immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine**, according to his power that is at work within us, 21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.”



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