



Building Wholehearted Disciples of Jesus

Worshipper Warrior: David's Resume, Part 2
The Presence of God

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"The Presence of God"

- 1) **Christmas Eve Services will be at 4 and 6pm**
- 1) **Everyone stand now and hold up your Bible...**

**PP: *God can move mountains in my life.
I will build up my faith with God's Holy Word.
I will come alive in the power of the Holy Spirit.
With Jesus, nothing will be impossible.***

We all have a Spiritual Resume

- 1) **Skill.** Last week we looked at the importance of developing a skill. David had developed a skill; he had put in the training, the focused practice and an intentionality to his work that men noticed.
 - David is noticed by men for his skill, but he is invited up because of the presence of God over his life: what we do in private, opens doors in public.
- 2) **Worshiper.** David skill on the harp was developed because he was a worshipper before God.
 - David's secret history of worship before God is opening doors for him the public arena. He is only 13 years old!

1 Samuel 16:16-23

16 Let our master now command your servants, who are before you, to seek out a man who is a skillful player on the harp; and it shall be that he will play it with his hand when the distressing spirit from God is upon you, and you shall be well." 17 So Saul said to his servants, "Provide me now a man who can play well, and bring him to me."

18 Then one of the servants answered and said, "Look, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, who is skillful in playing, a mighty man of valor, a man of war, prudent in speech, and a handsome person; and the Lord is with him." 19 Therefore Saul sent messengers

to Jesse, and said, "Send me your son David, who is with the sheep." ²⁰ And Jesse took a donkey loaded with bread, a skin of wine, and a young goat, and sent them by his son David to Saul. ²¹ So David came to Saul and stood before him. And he loved him greatly, and he became his armorbearer. ²² Then Saul sent to Jesse, saying, "Please let David stand before me, for he has found favor in my sight." ²³ And so it was, whenever the spirit from God was upon Saul, that David would take a harp and play it with his hand. Then Saul would become refreshed and well, and the distressing spirit would depart from him.

Saul has become a demonized king, distressed over his job, overwhelmed from fear. David, skilled with a harp, but Spirit empowered by the presence of God.

- Our world is always searching for people who manifest the righteousness, peace and joy of the Kingdom of God.
- They do not know it, but the world of art, the world of media, the world of government is longing for "Kingdom Carriers."

David is noticed for his skill, but he is elevated because of the Presence! People can see it and feel it—they do not know what it is but they sense it.

3) Presence that Breaks Heaviness. David, at 13 years of age, through worship had presence.

- People want to be around it.
- People can sense it and feel it.
- Worship brings the Presence of God.
- Worship brings the Kingdom of God. We pray "Thy Kingdom come."
- When the kingdom of God comes, it drives off evil spirits!

Presence of God in Worship drives off Darkness, Demons and Despair.

- David plays on his harp and notice what is says in verse 23.
- Saul gets refreshed and the distressing spirit leaves him!

- When you worship, when you praise the Lord, the heaviness of this world can be lifted off of us.
- How many of you know that you that the ways and activities of this world bring heaviness?
- Like the barnacles on a pier. I've been around mighty piers, in Santa Monica, in Hong Kong, in Tokyo, and they all have these barnacles that build up because they are submerged in the ocean.
- Same thing with us—we develop the “barnacles of heaviness” over our hearts.
- David is driving off darkness, demons and despair over Saul through worship.

Isaiah 61:1-3

¹ "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, Because the Lord has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound; ² To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, And the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn, ³ To console those who mourn in Zion, To give them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning, The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called trees of righteousness, The planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified."

- Jesus came proclaiming the Kingdom of God and He began His public ministry announcing Isaiah 61 as His mission statement.
- The oil of joy for mourning and the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness.
- There it is again!! A “spirit of heaviness”. It is a spirit. It is of this world; it is often demonic.
- We put on the “garment of praise” and it breaks the power of the spirit of heaviness.

- You have to put it on each day. You have to choose praise!
- And that is how we grow into “trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified.”
- Worship in general, but praise, mighty praise in particular has the potential power to replace the spirit of heaviness.
 - You either have the “spirit of tigger” or “eor”
 - Tigger anointing!! Eor anointing!!

To get heaviness off of you is not doing something different but believing something different.

Worship is Renewing your Beliefs

Romans 12:1-2.

Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. ² And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect. NAS

- He moves us from verse 1 “spiritual service of worship to verse 2, “transformed by the renewing of your mind.”
 - ♣ He meant to say be transformed by trying harder. (hahaha)
 - ♣ He meant to say be transformed by giving excuses. (hahaha)
- You get transformation not by surrendering your heart but surrendering your beliefs. They are strongholds. Because they are “strong holds.”
- People around you must feel something better by hanging out with you.

- The biggest problem with your people is you!
- You either have a “spirit of tigger or eor!”
- Praise breaks the power of heaviness.
- For example, when I see people moping around and looking depressed I want to say “Man you need to go spend some time renewing your mind with praise!”

Praise is the nothing more or less than a commitment to, and a confession of, the sovereign power and providence of God.
Jack Taylor

Praise and worship is where God lives.

God loves praise and worship. He is at home with praise and worship. God loves to “inhabit the praises of his people.”

David wrote in Psalm 22:3 *You are holy, enthroned in the praises of Israel*

“enthroned” means “inhabit” (*yawshab*) means to “settle down, to sit down, to marry.” In other words, God does not just visit us when we praise Him, His presence abides with us. We partner with Him in a growing relationship.

Praise releases the presence of God, the Kingdom of God over the atmosphere!

Praise releases the reign and power of God over your life, your family, your work.

2 Corinthians 10:3-5

³ For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. ⁴ For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, ⁵ casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,

- Surrender your beliefs. Renewing your mind is both positive and negative. What you agree with is what’s in your mind to believe. The

biggest stronghold is not a principality and power over the city but between my ears.

- The truth will make you free! Every area where I believe truth I'm free!
- Every area of my life where I don't believe truth, I believe lies and I'm in bondage. I do not talk about the devil very much. If I talk about truth I get free. If I'm free I do not need to worry about the devil.
- Praise is one of the weapons of our warfare over despair, depression and heaviness.
- Proper biblical worship must have lyrics that are truths about God, about Christ, about the Holy Spirit.
- When you learn to praise God through saying the truths about God and His love and redemption, you are renewing your belief system.

The Presence of God rests upon those who Believe and Obey God's Commands

John 14:15-21

¹⁵ "If you love Me, keep My commandments. ¹⁶ And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever-- ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. ¹⁸ I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ "A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you will live also. ²⁰ At that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. ²¹ He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him."

- The presence of the Holy Spirit is within us, but when we believe truth and obey what God has told us to do, the Spirit is "manifested" in our life!

- This is what the servant in David’s court saw on David—“the Lord is with him.”
- This is what bosses at work are looking for in their workers—the manifest presence of God.
- David was a “Kingdom of God carrier”—but not every believer carries the kingdom with them. They have the Kingdom within them, but they are not manifesting the Kingdom—they are “eors.”
- It is about what you believe. Praise can set your beliefs in place as you renew your mind.
- For example, put on the garment of praise! You have to put it on. Just like you dress yourself, you have to put on the garment of praise. If you do not, the spirit of heaviness will wrap it’s ugly arms all over you!

Declare Truth!

- This is why we repeat stanzas in praise and worship. We do not believe what we sing and thus we must consistently renew our beliefs about truth.
- God causes song writers to write songs with words we should be saying without music!
- When we worship we are declaring truth and breaking the power of lies over ourselves—we are renewing our minds, renewing our beliefs.
- So we repeat and say:
 - *I am forgiven*
 - *Jesus is alive*
 - *Jesus has power*
 - *I am alive in Him*
 - *He has set me free*

- When you renew your minds this way, you are opening yourselves up to a whole new realm of reality—the reality of heaven, the reality of the Kingdom of God.
- More on this next week. But for now, let’s go into worship and declare truth, let’s break off the spirit of heaviness and come into the kingdom of God, which is “righteousness, peace, and joy.”
- Let’s declare Joy over our lives as the worship team comes up.
- I want to be unrealistically biblically optimistic.
- The Bible says, “The joy of the Lord is your strength” (Nehemiah 8:10)
- The Bible says, “A merry heart does good, like medicine” (Proverbs 17:22)
- The Bible says, “In Your presence is fullness of joy” (Psalm 16:11)
- Declare it:
 - *I am an outrageously joyful person*
 - *My joy level is increasing daily*
 - *I have been created to experience fullness of joy*
 - *Even in hard times, I live with unshakeable joy*
 - *I am a kingdom of God carrier and the kingdom of God is righteousness, peace and joy*
 - *I am building a stronghold of joy in my life*