

Echo Summer Series: Rediscover

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“Rediscover Your Worship”

Key Scripture: John 4:24 (NKJV)

21 Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father.

22 You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews.

23 But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him.

24 God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”

25 The woman said to Him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When He comes, He will tell us all things.”

26 Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am He.”

“Worship isn’t about a song; it’s about surrender. When you rediscover worship, you rediscover the rhythm of Heaven.”

Introduction

Opening Statement: "Worship is not a performance to win divine attention; it is a response to the presence that never left."

Historical Context: In John 4:24, Jesus speaks to the Samaritan woman at the well. This was a groundbreaking moment because Samaritans and Jews had deep cultural and religious divides. Jesus shifts the focus from where worship happens (Mount Gerizim vs. Jerusalem) to how worship happens—in spirit and truth.

Relatability: Just like the Samaritan woman, many of us have questions about worship. Is it about the place? The style? The performance? Jesus' answer is timeless: worship is about the heart.

Let's explore what it means to rediscover worship—not as a routine, but as a rhythm that aligns us with Heaven.

Point 1: Worship is a Response

Scripture Reference: Isaiah 6:1-3

1 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple.

2 Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew.

3 And one cried to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!"

Historical Context: Isaiah's vision of God's throne room occurred during a time of national crisis—the death of King Uzziah. The people of Judah were uncertain about their future, but Isaiah's encounter with God revealed that the true King was still on the throne.

Relatability: Like Isaiah, we often encounter God most profoundly in moments of uncertainty. Worship isn't about us trying to get God's attention; it's about responding to the reality of who He is—holy, sovereign, and present.

Illustration: Imagine walking into a room where the most powerful person in the world is seated. Your natural response would be awe and reverence. That's what Isaiah experienced, and it's what true worship should evoke in us.

Ask yourself, "Am I worshiping out of routine or revelation?"

Quote: "Manipulating emotion doesn't make worship more powerful. Faithfulness matters more than goosebumps or loud choruses."

Point 2: Worship is a Lifestyle

Scripture Reference: Romans 12:1

1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.

Historical Context: Paul wrote this letter to the church in Rome, a diverse group of believers living under the oppressive rule of the Roman Empire. Sacrifices were a familiar concept in their culture—both in Jewish temple worship and in pagan rituals. Paul redefines sacrifice, urging believers to offer their lives as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God.

Relatability: In today's world, we often compartmentalize worship to Sunday mornings or specific moments. Paul challenges us to see worship as a 24/7 lifestyle—how we treat others, how we work, how we live.

Illustration: Think of a parent who sacrifices daily for their child—not just in big gestures, but in the small, consistent acts of love. That's what a lifestyle of worship looks like—faithful, intentional, and sacrificial.

Quote: "Worship isn't about a song; it's about surrender."

Point 3: Worship is a Weapon

Scripture Reference: Acts 16:25-26

Historical Context: Paul and Silas were beaten and imprisoned in Philippi for casting out a spirit from a slave girl. Despite their physical pain and unjust treatment, they chose to worship God in the middle of the night. Their worship didn't just lead to their freedom—it caused an earthquake that opened every prisoner's chains and led to the salvation of the jailer and his family.

Relatability: Many of us face situations that feel like prisons—whether it's anxiety, financial struggles, or broken relationships. Worship has the power to shift atmospheres and break chains, not because it changes God, but because it changes us.

Quote: "When you rediscover worship, you rediscover the rhythm of Heaven."

Closing

Reflection Question: "Is your worship a reflection of your relationship with God or your routine with church?"

Call to Action: Take a moment of personal surrender—no music, no performance, just a response to God's presence.

Final Encouragement: "Worship isn't about what you do to get God's attention; it's about what you do because you already have it."