

## **THE HUNGER FOR WORSHIP**

**Genuine worship is at the heart of who we are and what God expects of us as His people. Genuine worship is about God.**

### **4 WAYS WORSHIP CAN GET OFF-TRACK**

#### **1. WORSHIP CAN BECOME CASUAL/CARELESS**

*“So King Shishak of Egypt came up and attacked Jerusalem. He ransacked the treasuries of the Lord’s Temple and the royal palace; he stole everything, including all the gold shields Solomon had made. King Rehoboam later replaced them with bronze shields as substitutes” (2 Chronicles 12:9-10 NLT).*

*“Then the Lord said to Moses, ‘I will come to you in a thick cloud, Moses, so the people themselves can hear Me when I speak with you...On the morning of the third day, thunder roared and lightning flashed, and a dense cloud came down on the mountain. There was a long, loud blast from a ram’s horn, and all the people trembled” (Exodus 19:9, 16 NLT).*

- **Come prepared to worship.**
- **Invest yourself fully in every moment**  
*“Sing about the glory of His name! Tell the world how glorious He is!” (Psalm 66:2 NLT).*
- **Enter with a sense of awe.**

#### **2. WORSHIP CAN BE CONSUMER-ORIENTED**

*“Well, my brothers and sisters, let’s summarize....Everything that is done must strengthen all of you...Be sure that everything is done properly and in order” (1 Corinthians 14:26, 40 NLT).*

- **Acknowledge the Holiness of God**
- **Appreciate the Compassion of God**  
*“When a certain immoral woman from that city heard He was eating there, she brought a beautiful alabaster jar filled with expensive perfume. She knelt behind Him at His feet, weeping. Her tears fell on His feet, and she wiped them off with her hair. Then she kept kissing His feet and putting perfume on them” (Luke 7:37-38 NLT).*
- **Embrace the Joy of the Lord**  
*“And David danced before the Lord with all his might” (2 Samuel 6:14 NLT).*

#### **3. WORSHIP CAN BE UNBALANCED**

*“God is spirit, so those who worship Him must worship in spirit and in truth” (John 4:24 NLT).*

- **In Spirit**
- **In Truth**

#### **4. WORSHIP CAN BE DISCONNECTED FROM LIFE**

*“These people say they are Mine. They honor Me with their lips, but their hearts are far from Me. And their worship of Me is nothing but man-made rules learned by rote” (Isaiah 29:13 NLT).*