

Call Forward

A Call That Must Be Answered

Prayer & Worship Movement

Overcoming Fear

1. Do Not Fear Man

a. Scripture: Proverbs 29:25

Vs. 24 the fear of man **brings a snare**: but whosoever puts his trust in the LORD shall be safe.

Vs. 25 the fear of human **opinion disables**; trusting in God protects you from that.

- a. Resist the pressure to despise your gift because of fear of being different (Personal Testimony)
- b. Do Not Be Afraid of their faces: Scripture: Jeremiah 1:9 Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the LORD.'

Fearing man is a form of PRIDE:

- a. Your primary focus shifts is "What will they think about ME?"
 - a. **Pride**: a feeling or deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's own achievements; be especially proud of a particular quality or skill.
 - b. How well did I do?
 - c. Takes the focus off of God and brings it to your skill and ability (or you feeling of lack their of).

2. Focus on Ministering to God Primarily

a. Scripture References

a. 2 Chronicles 29:11 My sons, be not now negligent: for the LORD hath **chosen you to stand before him, to serve him, and that ye should minister unto him**, and burn incense (*worship/songs*).

b. 1 Corinthians 10:31

- b. I have learned that when I focus on ministering to God (serving God) through fear dissipates
- c. While you sincerely minister to God, His Presences becomes real to you and others in the room

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- d. Ministering to God's heart first will reveal His heart for others, and allow you to effectively minister to others as led by the Spirit of God:
 - a. Matthew 20:28 Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.
 - b. Resist Comparing Yourself to Others
- e. Scripture: 1 Corinthians 10:12 and 2 Corinthians 10:18
 - Vs. 12: For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: **but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise.** Vs. 18: For it is not the one who commends himself **who is approved**, but the one whom the Lord commends.
 - 1. We should not compare ourselves (gifting/style/calling) to others
 - 2. We should seek the approval of God

3. Understand that “You were Made for This”: There is no longer and Identity Crisis

You were created to worship: (This is our ultimate/eternal calling in life)

Scripture Reference:

- 1. Ps. 29:1-2 Give to the LORD, O mighty ones, Give to the LORD glory and strength. Give to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.
- 2. Ps 95: 6-7 O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker...for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.
- 3. Isaiah 43:1-2,7
- 4. Rev. 4:8-11
- 5. 1 Timothy 1:12-14 (key vs. 12)

*A.W. Tozer is: “If worship bores you, you are not ready for heaven.”

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*Jesus did not redeem us to make us workers; He redeemed us to make us worshippers. Then out of the blazing worship of our hearts springs our work!! (This prevents burn-out)

4. Know Who You are Worshipping: Grow in the Knowledge of God

A. There is reality of worshipping the “Unknown God”

Scripture Reference: **Acts 17: 23** for as I was passing through and considering the objects of your worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Therefore, the One whom you worship without knowing, Him I proclaim to you:

- B. The more you know Him the More you will Love Him, and desire to Know Him more...
- C. Knowing-is more than knowing ABOUT HIM; We are meant to know Him in a deep, living, and experiential way.

Knowing About vs. Knowing Him

Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 2:10-12

Philippians 3:8-9

D. God Is Love: Perfect Love (God) Cast out Fear

1 John 4:7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

1 John 4: 18-19 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. **19** We love Him because He first loved us.

5. Be Bold and Enter into God's Presence

- a. Quickest way to get to God is to go straight Him!
- b. Scripture: Hebrews 10:19 Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, By a new and living way, which he has consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;

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- c. Growing in your Boldness to enter God's Presence will Increase Your Boldness during ministry Proverbs 28:1,, the righteous are bold as a lion.
- d. **JUST DO IT!!!!!!!!!! (Trust God's Leading)**

Discussions Questions:

1. **Which one the teaching points spoke to you the most and why?**

Homework Assignment:

1. Find 3 Scriptures about the nature and/or character of God. (WHO IS GOD? Not What He Can Do)
2. Write them down and sing them (record yourself)