

AUGUST 2017: AVELEIGH'S WORSHIP EMPHASIS MONTH CONCLUSION

Your Year of Worship

Sermon: **THE X, Y, and Zs of WORSHIP**

Text **John 4: 23-25 and 4: 48 p. 1142-43**

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| Worship when:(worried) | (wounded) | (life didn't make sense) |
| ASKING | GRIEVING | LISTENING |
| BELIEVING | HONORING | MARVELING |
| CONFESSING | INVOKING | NEGLECTING |
| DEPENDING | JOINING | OBEYING |
| EXPRESSING | KEEPING ON | PRIORITIZING |
| FINDING | | QUIETING & REJOICING |

THIS WEEK JESUS' EXAMPLE IN WORSHIP

"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. "God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." John 4:23-24 NIV

1. W IS WILLING TO WORSHIP.

"For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for Me and for the sake of the Gospel will find it." Mark 8:35 (NIV)

2. X IS X-RAY MY MOTIVES.

"The time is coming when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, and that time is here already. You see, the Father too is actively seeking such people to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."
John 4:23-24 (NCV)

"These people honor Me with their lips, but their hearts are far from Me. They worship Me in vain." Matthew 15:8-9 (NIV)

"Search me, O God, and know my heart, test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me." Psalm 139:23-24 (NIV)

3. Y IS YIELD TIMING AND RESULTS TO GOD.

“My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from Me. Yet not as I will, but as You will.” Matthew 26:39 (NIV)

“Jesus asked, ‘Must I do miraculous signs and wonders before you people will believe in Me?’ The official pleaded, ‘Lord, please come now before my little boy dies.’ Then Jesus told him, ‘Go back home. Your son will live!’ And the man believed Jesus’ word and started home. While he was on his way, some of his servants met him with the news that his son was alive and well. He asked them when the boy had begun to feel better, and they replied, ‘Yesterday afternoon at one o’clock his fever suddenly disappeared!’ Then the father realized it was the same time that Jesus had told him, ‘Your son will live.’ And the officer and his entire household believed in Jesus.” John 4:49-53 (NLT)

4. Z IS ZEALOUS FOR YOUR SAVIOR.

“Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.” John 15:13 (NIV)

“Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with God’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality.” Romans 12:11-13 (NIV)

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Calls to Worship

Leader: What does it mean to worship? Why do we come here with voices raised?

PEOPLE: To join in praise and song.

Leader: Worship is the adoration of our God,

PEOPLE: and so we come to adore him.

Leader: God has created us, loved us unconditionally, redeemed us and called us His own.

Leader: I invite you to join together in worship now as we lift up our glorious God.

Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, How do we even begin to express in words who you are and what you have done? Your holiness is beyond our comprehension, your worth beyond all price. You would be worthy of worship simply because you are God. And yet, you have chosen to invite us into your story and to call us your children. We are overwhelmed. Our prayer today is that our worship will bring you great, great glory. And we look forward to the day when we will worship you face to face, joining with the angels as we all sing, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

