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WORSHIPING TOGETHER

40 Days of Community

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Part 6 of 7

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment.” Matt. 23:37-38 (NIV)

“Expressing my love to God” is called WORSHIPING

Then I looked again, and I heard the singing of thousands and millions of angels around the throne and the living beings and the elders. And they sang in a mighty chorus:

“The Lamb is worthy—the Lamb who was killed. He is worthy to receive power and riches

and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and blessing.” And then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea. They also sang: “Blessing and honor and glory and power belong to the one sitting on the throne and to the Lamb forever and ever.” Rev. 5:11-13 (NLT)

1. BY SINGING TO HIM

“Sing out your thanks to Him; sing praises to our God...” Ps. 147:7 (LB)

“Let the whole world bless our God and sing aloud his praises.” Psalm 66:8 (NLT)

“Come, let us sing to the Lord! Let us give a joyous shout to the rock of our salvation!” Psalm 95:1 (NLT)

Regularly – Occasionally – Rarely

2. BY TALKING WITH HIM

“I love the Lord because He hears and answers my prayers. Because He bends down and listens, I will pray as long as I have breath!” Ps. 116:1-2 (NLT)

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3. BY LISTENING TO HIM

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“You have six days when you can do your work, but the seventh day of each week is holy because it belongs to me.” Leviticus 23:3 (CEV)

“Without good direction, people lose their way; the more wise counsel you follow, the better your chances.” Proverbs 11:14 (Mes)

“I am the good shepherd I know My own sheep, and they know Me... and they listen to My voice.” John 10:14, 16 (NLT)

Regularly – Occasionally – Rarely

4. BY PUBLICALLY IDENTIFYING WITH HIM

“You are the light of the world – like a city on a mountain, glowing in the night for all to see. Don’t hide your light under a basket! Instead, put it on a stand and let it shine for all.” Matthew 5:14-15 (NLT)

“If anyone is ashamed of Me and My teaching then I will be ashamed of him when I come with the glory of My Father...” Mark 8:38 (ICB)

2 WAYS: COMMUNION & BAPTISM

1. He saved us from the penalty of sin.
2. He saved us from the power of sin.
3. He saved us from the presence of sin.

“When we went under the water, we left the old country of sin behind; when we came up out of the water, we entered into the new country of grace – a new life in a new land! That’s what baptism into the life of Jesus means. When we are lowered into the water, it is like the burial of Jesus; when we are raised up out of the water, it is like the resurrection of Jesus.” Rom. 6:3 (Mes.)

1. I believe in the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

2. It’s a picture of what happened to me.

“Going under the water was a burial of your old life; coming up out of it was a resurrection, God raising you from the dead as He did Christ.” Col. 2:12 (Mes)

3. It symbolizes your new life in Christ.

“Your baptism in Christ was not just washing you up for a fresh start. It also involved dressing you in an adult faith wardrobe – Christ’s life, the fulfillment of God’s original promise.” Gal. 3:27 (Mes.)

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5. BY BEING COMMITTED TO HIM

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“If you forsake the Lord and serve other gods, he will turn against you and destroy you, even though he has been so good to you. But the people answered Joshua, saying, ‘No, we are determined to serve the Lord!’ ‘You are accountable for this decision,’ Joshua said. ‘You have chosen to serve the Lord.’ ‘Yes’ they replied, ‘we are accountable.’ So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day at Shechem, committing them to a permanent and binding contract between themselves and the Lord.” Joshua 24:20-22, 25 (NLT)

5 BASIC COMMITMENTS:

1. Giving my life to Jesus Christ.
2. Committing my life to His family.
3. Using my talents and gifts to help others.
4. Choosing to grow more like Jesus.
5. Sharing the Good News.

“Take your everyday, ordinary life – your sleeping, eating, going-to-work and walking-around life – and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him.” Rom. 12:1 (Mes)

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6. BY GIVING TO HIM

“All the believers were of one heart and mind, and they felt that what they owned was not their own; they shared everything they had. And the apostles gave powerful witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and God’s great favor was upon them all. There was no poverty among them, because people who owned land or houses sold them and brought the money to the apostles to give to others in need.” Acts 4:32-35 (NLT)

“Just as you excel in faith, in speech, in knowledge and in complete earnestness... see that you also excel in the grace of giving. I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love.” 2 Cor. 8:7-8 (NIV)

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