

Your Worship and Your Destiny

Acts 13:2

Introduction

Worship is an important element of your ability to discover your destiny. Worship connects you with the Holy Spirit who then connects you with God's voice so that you can hear where He wants to lead you.

What is worship? It is ministry to the Lord. Figuratively speaking, God is our audience and we are the performers. All that we are and all that we do should be aimed at pleasing Him. Seeking to live our lives as a delight to our God means making a big deal about Him, giving Him our undivided focus, and offering Him our full attention. Our efforts in ministry to the Lord have benefits. God inhabits the environment of worship whether corporate or personal. In the resulting context of worship found in today's scripture reference, the Holy Spirit spoke about what God the Father wanted to happen. The Holy Spirit can speak to us to when we engage in living a life of worship and participate in both corporate and personal worship.

As we grow in Christ and experience Him more and more in the context of worship, God speaks to our spirits. He informs our hearts and minds because of His relationship to our human spirit. His thoughts transform our spirits and our minds and we begin to think the thoughts that He wants for us.

When God speaks it is personal. When He speaks, it will feel like He is speaking to you. He spoke to Paul and Barnabas personally. He spoke to Isaiah personally in Isaiah 6 when King Uzziah died. It was in a moment of worship when God said, "...who should I send?"

Therefore, it is important to practice engaging in a worship experience. In addition to coming to church, spend time singing, meditating, or reading the Word on a regular basis. When you show up on Sunday, your corporate worship experience will simply be a continuation of the personal worship you've been experiencing all week long.

Getting Started

1. *Take a few minutes to share what you have found to be some of the most significant worship experiences in your life to this point.*
2. *Share something God taught you during your time in His Word this week.*

Let's Get Personal

1. *Dr. Evans summarized the role of the Holy Spirit in worship as teaching us the Word, applying it to our lives and leading our steps. How does this fit your understanding of the ministry of the Holy Spirit?*
2. *In what settings have you sensed the Holy Spirit shaping your destiny?*
3. *When God sends someone with a message for us, we ought to listen. Have you ever experienced God speaking to you through another person?*

Take the Next Step

1. *Romans 12:1-2 becomes the heart verse for those wanting to pursue worship as a lifestyle. It is a daily decision and requires commitment, discipline, and work. Read this scripture in your group and discuss what it means to you.*
2. *A year from now, in what ways would you like to be in a different situation? And in what ways would you like to be a different you? Do you think including worship as a part of your destiny can help you in that pursuit?*

Renew Your Mind

"While they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, 'Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.'" Acts 13:2