



LET'S GET BACK TO  
*Worship*

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*2 Samuel 6:1-11*

### INTRODUCTION

Sadly, for many people today, Sundays have lost their sacredness. Worship has become optional, something we pencil in if it doesn't conflict with brunch, errands, football, or our to-do list. Some confuse church attendance with true worship. They think coming to church is the same as worship. But worship is not a location; it's a demonstration. Worship is not a place you go to. It's a posture you assume. At its heart, worship is to honor, acknowledge, and magnify God for who He is and what He has done. And there's no greater figure in Scripture who shows us the importance of worship than David.

### KEY POINTS

#### 1. God's Presence Is Essential to Renew Your Worship

The Ark of the Covenant wasn't just furniture; it symbolized God's presence. For 20 years, Israel had lived without it, and spiritual crisis crept in. They had a king, an army, and one another, but without God's presence, they had nothing. David knew that life would remain out of order unless the Ark returned to its proper place.

In the same way, we can have possessions, jobs, relationships, and even success. But if God's presence is not at the center, it all falls apart. Worship begins when God takes center stage. Without His presence, worship is just performance. But when God is present, His power sustains, restores, and renews.

#### 2. We Can't Rush God's Presence

When David and Israel tried to move the Ark on a cart, instead of carrying it God's way, Uzzah reached out and touched it and died. This was a warning that we should never get so familiar with the things of God that we take Him for granted. Worship isn't about convenience or shortcuts.

We live in a culture of casual Christianity, where services are tailored to preferences instead of reverence. But God's presence can't be rushed. Psalm 27:14 says, "Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!" Worship requires waiting, reverence, and patience, not expedience.

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### 3. God's Presence Requires Collective Participation

Verse 5 says, “David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the Lord with all their might.” Revival came because the whole community joined in praise. Worship is not meant to be a solo act. The psalms are full of “let us” language: “Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise...”

When God's people worship together, the atmosphere shifts. Just as walls fell at Jericho, chains broke in Paul and Silas's jail cell, and enemies were defeated in 2 Chronicles, corporate worship unleashes God's power. And it doesn't matter how you worship, whether you cry, sing, shout, or raise your hands. What matters is that you worship. Together, our praise shifts the atmosphere.

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**QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER**

1. In what ways have we allowed convenience, comfort, or busyness to take priority over worship in our lives?
2. How can we make God's presence the true center of our worship—both personally and as a church community?
3. What shifts might happen in our families, churches, or communities if we truly united in collective, authentic worship?

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