

## LIVING COMMUNION WITH JESUS—KNOWING GOD THROUGH WORSHIP

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### DAY 1 – WORSHIP WILL OPEN THE DOOR TO YOUR SOUL

When we worship God, it is with our souls. When you worship, it will open the door of your soul for a deeper relationship with God and knowing Him as your Father.

#### STUDY IT

- I. Jesus' door is ALWAYS open, but we must keep our door open.
  - a. There are many open doors to commune with Jesus (prayer, the Word, being still, etc.).
  - b. Revelation 3:20—Jesus is knocking. What door is He knocking on? Our soul. Jesus is always in our spirit, but we need to keep the door open to our soul.
  
- II. Worship will open the door of your soul.
  - a. My role in my relationship with Jesus is worshipper.
  - b. Is your worship shallow? The deeper you worship, the more loving, lovely and servant-filled you become.
  - c. Cleanse me of hidden faults (Psalm 19:12, *NLT*).
  - d. Worship comes from the soul—your chooser/decision-maker, not just your spirit. Because it comes from your soul, it touches your emotions.
  - e. When we try to hold parts of ourselves away from Jesus, we miss out on who He really is, because we won't share with Him who we really are.
    - i. Like walking on eggshells in a marriage—we shouldn't have to tiptoe around God about who we really are, how we feel, and what's in our souls.
    - ii. Like the word from the Lord through Kenneth Hagin to Kenneth Copeland in 1988, we can be too analytical, meaning our minds dominate rather than our spirit.
    - iii. You can just say to Jesus, "Jesus can You talk to me about \_\_\_\_\_?"
  - f. We aren't to be led by feelings, but we should talk to the Lord about them and relate to God in an emotional way, as well as with every other part of our being by withholding nothing.



- III. You can't have a relationship built on legality. It must be from the heart.
  - a. Becoming a worshipper allows you to be more loving and to show it.
  - b. When you become a worshipper, you become less judgmental, because you begin to open your life up to God as your judge, and see how holy He is.
  - c. When you add an atmosphere of worship to your faith, it sets you up for a deeper relationship to God as a Father.
  - d. When you combine faith in His Word and worship, you receive a fuller picture of knowing God.
  - e. When you are real (not phony) before the Lord, all the other things that don't matter lose interest.
  - f. When you begin to focus on Jesus and His Word, worship will come out of that. And as you begin to worship the Father, He'll lead you to see Jesus in His Word. Knowing Him in worship and knowing Him in His Word will eventually work together for good to those who love Him.
  
- IV. All Jesus needs is an open door to our soul.
  - a. Like the woman at the well, Jesus needed an open door to get to her. She was honest and opened her life up to God instead of spurning God's truth (John 4:1-42).
  - b. "Father, I will do anything You want me to do. Teach me and lead me." That is a huge open door.
  - c. Get rid of a man-fearing spirit! We need to reach a place where what God thinks is more important than what man thinks.

## MAKE IT PERSONAL

Is there an area in your life that you've been afraid to let go of what man thinks of you? When you begin to open up that place to God (the workplace, your past, how you dress or maybe even how people perceive you at church), He will lead you to let His ways become your ways and His thoughts become your thoughts. Take a moment to surrender that part of your life to Him. Just worship Him now, and begin to pray for that area.

Example: *Dear Heavenly Father, I know Your ways are higher than my ways, and Your thoughts are higher than my thoughts. Help me to think as You do in \_\_\_\_\_ (my workplace, church, etc.). I surrender this to You. God, I will do anything You want me to do. Teach me and lead me. You can talk to me about anything, Jesus.*





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### DAY 2 - BEING A WORSHIPPER IS OUR FIRST DUTY

Jesus is our open door to knowing the Father's heart. When you commune with Jesus, everything in the Father's heart is opened up to you. When you know His heart and plans for you, obedience to Him and His Word will not be difficult. His desire is that you would grow up and receive THE BLESSING that He has for you.

### STUDY IT

- I. Obey everything God tells you to do today...and again, tomorrow.
  - a. We can't do it in our own soulish realm. We have to walk in the spirit.
  - b. Learn to look at everything through the eye of faith and worship.
  - c. Worship is when you put yourself aside and open up your life to what God wants you to do. Making your everyday living your reasonable sacrifice is the highest form of worship.
    - i. Worship is not just singing songs, and it's not just words.
- II. When you open your heart to God through worship, He can wash out the junk you don't know about, the "lurking sins" (Psalm 19:12, *NLT*).
  - a. People have all kinds of things on the inside that drive them to do unhealthy things.
  - b. Worship opens your life up to God in a greater degree, so He can dig out the deep thoughts of abandonment, disillusionment, unworthiness, etc. that cause sin.
  - c. Worship opens the door to a deeper relationship with the Father where He can wash you with His Word (Ephesians 5:26).
  - d. Become an inside-healthy person. He can get you out of anything.
- III. We always come out ahead when we obey God.
  - a. He who is "faithful in that which is least" will be faithful in much (Luke 16:10).
  - b. Just doing what the Father says, being faithful, is worship.





- c. Being a worshipper is our first duty. It is the very least we should be able to do. If you're not faithful in worshipping God, you can't be faithful about anything else.
- IV. Your worship won't look the same as someone else's. Make sure it's about your heart pouring out to Jesus.
- a. "Lord, I will do anything You want me to do."
  - b. Ready obedience makes for easy worship. You will be ready to do whatever God wants you to do.
  - c. *Dignity* means "self-possessed" or "respect." Worship will break you of a man-fearing spirit.
- V. Freedom happens when you follow God's Spirit. You don't always know what blessing the Father has in store at the end of your obedience to God.
- a. Your primary action should be to please God. Everything will work for your good.
  - b. Free yourself up to obey God.
  - c. Get the attitude—I'm going to believe God and just do what He tells me to do. When you worship, that will be the result.
  - d. When you become a worshipper, you become bolder and more tender toward others, especially in sharing Jesus with them.
  - e. Your soul and spirit are in tandem when you worship God.
  - f. God is always telling us things, so He can bless us. He is trying to get us to where we need to be.

## MAKE IT PERSONAL

Psalm 19:12, *NLT*, "How can I know all the sins lurking in my heart? Cleanse me from these hidden faults."

No matter who you are, you need God, the Great Physician and healer of your spirit, soul and body. Let God be your Surgeon in worship today. Open your life up to let Him deal with you in a specific way, just as He did with Gloria Copeland when she was dealing with a man-fearing spirit. First, open the door to your soul with your worship to God. Tell Him how wonderful He is to you. Then, ask the Lord if there is a hidden fault in you. Get quiet to hear what He has to say. You may hear His voice, see a picture or have a memory, or He may move in another way. Be open for Him to move however He chooses. Surrender to Him, and let Him minister to you about how to proceed. Put any lurking sin behind you. Begin to worship Him in song. We, as people of God, are blessed today with so much anointed worship music to choose from. Ask the Lord to pour out on you a heart of worship.





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### DAY 3 – DON'T HIDE FROM GOD

God can burn away every evil thing that does not belong, when you lay out the hard places in your life before Him. Let God turn your life right-side up by discovering how correction is a strong part of THE BLESSING, not the curse.

### STUDY IT

- I. God can turn your life around.
  - a. Bold worship in front of everyone will change your life.
  - b. The other side of an act of obedience is always your destiny and THE BLESSING.
  - c. In the natural, we're like swiss cheese. If we listen to Him, He'll fill up the holes, and take away the "stink" in our lives.
  - d. Jesus will get rid of wrong things in us, and it will be easier for other people to live with us.
  - e. When God cleanses us, we get free from even the lurking sins (Psalm 19:12, *NLT*). When we worship, those places get taken care of in the Father's presence.
  
- II. Jesus always hears us and takes our requests to the Father (Psalm 5).
  - a. Every morning, lay the pieces of your life on the altar.
    - i. Lay your life down as a mother, father, friend, husband, wife, employee, etc. Lay all the pieces down at the altar.
    - ii. Instead of "just pressing through" with God when someone hurts you, say, "Lord, talk to me about me, because I can't change anyone else." It is a freeing prayer.
  - b. Sin that is in us can drive us to "ask amiss." It will cause us to not receive our answers to prayer.
    - i. Martha asked amiss when she asked Jesus to rebuke her sister (Luke 10:38-42). Thinking that when Jesus does something in someone else's life will make our life OK is a misdirected prayer.
    - ii. The best place you have for God to change someone else is if you ask God to change you.





- III. Lay out the hard places of your life. Don't hide from God.
  - a. One of the things Jesus came to deliver us from is ourselves.
  - b. Whatever the pieces of your life, become a worshipper with them.
    - i. Don't forget encouragement (Hebrews 12). Correction from God is encouragement and a wonderful act of love.
    - ii. God is a fire. His fire isn't to burn up people, but to burn away the "chaff"—the bad things that don't reflect God's nature. Let God burn up all the hurt, pain, sin, etc. that doesn't belong.
    - iii. When we accept God's correction, He will push the "chaff" out of our lives, giving us "beauty for ashes" (Isaiah 61:3) and a fresh start.
    - iv. If you are being abused in any way—emotionally, physically, verbally, spiritually—the Lord will deliver you from that. He hates hypocrisy and the love of violence (Psalm 5).
    - v. Satan has a place to conquer you, if you don't let God burn away the evil things in your soul.
  
- IV. Happy are those who hear the call to worship (Psalm 89:15, *NLT*).
  - a. God is always right and just—these are the foundation of God's throne.
  - b. God's presence in our lives brings joy, correction and peace.
  - c. Rejoice in God's reputation, not your own.
  - d. It pleases God to make us strong.

## MAKE IT PERSONAL

What pieces of our lives have we been hiding from God? It seems ridiculous that Adam would have hidden himself from God when he was ashamed of his nakedness. But how often do we do the same? We don't want God to know that we really don't like a person at work, or maybe even that we are angry at Him for not answering a prayer in a loved one's life. Maybe that prayer was "asked amiss."

Take a moment to let the veil down with God. Let Him see your emotion, whether it's anger, unforgiveness or otherwise. You can repent, but you have to confess it before you can repent of it. Remember, when the veil of shame comes down in your life, God knows what to do with it. Through the power of Christ Jesus' sacrifice, He can clothe you in something much better than fig leaves.

Colossians 3:12-17, *NLT*, "Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony. And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace.





And always be thankful. Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts. And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father.”



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### DAY 4 – WORSHIP IS NOT A PERFORMANCE

Don't let your cares and internal needs distract you from focusing on Jesus and His Word for you. Let go of performance-based worship, and focus on the rich relationship you have with Jesus.

#### STUDY IT

- I. Guard against every kind of greed.
  - a. Greed causes family strife, caused by the NEED to be the best, or affirmation, etc. The man in the crowd wanted Jesus to control other people (Luke 12:13).
  - b. Life isn't measured by how much you own.
  - c. THE BLESSING isn't determined by other people. Look to God for the real blessing.
  - d. Finances from God are a blessing, but finances not from Him can be a curse.
  - e. Work comes from God. It should be a joy, but fools store earthly wealth and don't have a relationship with God (Luke 12:21).
  
- II. If Jesus is your focus, then idolatry has no place in your life.
  - a. Even getting your significance from some person other than Jesus is an idol. Our standard of who we are should come from Jesus.
  - b. We can idolize miracles. What is your focus? Why do you want it? Are you focused on miracles, or on Jesus?
  - c. Is your focus on God meeting your needs, or on Jesus (Matthew 6:33)?
  - d. Pursuing prominence is idolatry.
  - e. When you pursue Jesus, everything else falls in place.
  
- III. Let go of your performance-based worship (Luke 10:38-42).
  - a. Martha was "distracted" with much serving.
    - i. Martha thought Mary was her problem.
    - ii. Martha was being passive-aggressive, snarky and not honest with herself.





- iii. What was on her mind? She was the very definition of doubt—double-minded and distracted. Martha wanted God's benefits, but was distracted from listening to His words.
- b. Jesus' correction was to say, "My dear Martha." His correction was in love.
- c. Martha was into the performance element. She was worried about what people thought.
- d. Martha wanted Mary's focus to be taken away from Jesus and given to her, but Jesus said He wouldn't take that away from Mary, because she was doing what was right.
- e. Martha was full of care. If she had sat at Jesus' feet, she could have become a worshipper.
- f. When you become so intent on seeing His face, like Mary, the presence of God won't be taken away from you.
- g. When a dinner was prepared at Lazarus' house, Martha served again "in honor of Jesus." How much do we do "in His honor," but really to perform ourselves, instead of worshipping Him (John 12:2).

## MAKE IT PERSONAL

The element of performance is the easiest to evaluate in children. It's easy to notice the child who's "acting out" because they need attention, or they're hungry, or they need their diaper changed. If there's been some "performing" or "acting out" in your life, get in the face of your Father. Don't see today's message as a slap on the wrist. Go to the Lord "as a little child" (Mark 10:15). Let Him correct you in a loving way, as He did Martha. You are God's little one, and when you mess up, it is because of an inner need in your soul. Let the Father meet that need, so you can be free from your performance or need for attention in any area. God will attend to you as you draw near to Him.

James 4:8, *NLT*, "Come close to God, and God will come close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, for your loyalty is divided between God and the world."





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### DAY 5 – YOUR WORK IS FROM THE THRONE ROOM

Let your work be God's work. When you get in God's presence, you realize that your value is not found in what you do, but in being a child of God.

#### STUDY IT

- I. Worship is impactful. Performance is only a show for people (John 12:1-2).
  - a. We have to stop performing to honor Jesus. There's no life in performance.
  - b. Are you *ministering* or *performing* for others?
  - c. The three siblings are a picture of the church.
    - i. Lazarus is cold—he's just sitting there.
    - ii. Martha is lukewarm—Jesus is in her house, but she is mixing her response to Him with worldly ideas of what matters.
    - iii. Mary is hot—her time at His feet leads her to worship Him in a very unusual way.
  
- II. Our value is not from what we do but from who we are—a child of God.
  - a. Worship will put you in the right place.
  - b. When you worship, God becomes big, and you become small.
  - c. As you look at your Father in worship, you will become humble, just as Jesus looked at His Father and was meek and lowly of heart (Matthew 11:29).
  
- III. Real worship will draw the line between real and fake (John 12:1-8).
  - a. Mary's perfume was likely a family inheritance. She poured it on Jesus' feet. She didn't try to save any, but she wiped His feet with her hair.
  - b. At the same time, Judas complained about the perfume being used on Jesus.
  - c. Worship came from an inner place in her heart. It was a desire from God for her to pour the perfume out on Jesus, to prepare Him for His burial.
  - d. Worship is love without concern for yourself.





IV. Word From the Lord to Kellie Copeland.

The Lord said, *Wake up. I have some things to tell you.*

And then I started thinking about some stuff and thinking about what so-and-so did and what I wanted to say to them and all that. And I said, "I don't want to think about all that. I want to hear what You have to say." And He goes, *No. I want you to think about that.* He said, *Write that down*, whatever I had just thought. So I wrote it down, what I had just thought. I thought, *is He giving me permission to say these things to them?* And I wrote it down, and this is what He said next. *Make it stop.* Just like that. *Make it stop*, the stuff going on in my head. He said, *I am coming soon.*

*Make it stop. I'm coming soon, swiftly, sweeping people into the Kingdom.*

*This mountain is my mountain, saith the Lord. My name will be proclaimed. So let go of your fears and concerns. Let go of your past.*

*Let go of your past. Take upon yourself My past, My sacrifice, My blood, My body, My freedom, My yoke.*

Then He said what His yoke is: *Love the Lord your God without holding back any concern for yourself. Learn of Me. I'll teach you, school you in the ways to love Him (talking about the Father), fully and to come to Him intimately. I am the doorway to the Father. I will escort you into His presence. With singing and worship, you'll enter the throne room. You've only practiced this so far. But the gates of heaven are opening wide. Heaven is not only bursting out toward you, you will be escorted by Me into the throne room in these days.*

*There you will receive many things needed to complete your assignment. You'll first know your place. You'll know the love of your Father. You'll know His grace for you—for mankind. You'll be filled with all the knowledge and the weight of your glory. After I read this later, I thought, Lord, I must have messed up on that, "The weight of my glory"? I was about to change it. He goes, No, that's what I said.*

*You'll know the weight of your glory. I will be there to guide you and usher in these things. The protocol is always one of love. Love first. You'll see evidence of how much we love you everywhere. Remember, we're in the throne room.*

*You cannot escape it. The Father will fill you with His love. Then there will be times that, from that place, at the moment I release you, when you will be able to make your requests known. We already know what you need. But the process of your coming, your asking is a joy to us. It's like a celebration to be able to give you*





*whatever you ask. You've thought it difficult to receive from the Father, but it is not. Many times you've asked amiss, but you were learning, developing in My ways. Up until now, you have remained in My outer courts, all the while coming closer into My presence as you draw nearer to Me, says Jesus.*

*As you know Me more intimately, I will draw you into the Father's presence. I've been waiting for this time to come. At this point in the throne room, you'll be granted what you have asked. By the time you come to this place, the sin that drives you to ask amiss has been pulled out and burned in My fire.*

*Old things are gone, and what's left is of Me. You'll leave My throne room with all that you need to do your assignment. You'll know your place, your plan and instructions. You'll know you are supplied for every detail. My grace that allows you this entrance is all that you need. Put your confidence and hope in Me.*

*Your times, your call is of Me, not of man. I've prepared you for this time and this hour. These things are here. You've believed for the mysteries, but you didn't know what it would look like. It's different than you thought. It was a mystery. But it is being revealed, unveiled, right before your eyes. Yes, eyes, for you'll see many things in the coming days that will be like heaven on earth.*

*Unity is of Me. In fact, it is Me. Unity is the process and the product of My unveiling. The glass darkly is clearing. You'll see Me in others, and you'll see Me in yourself. You'll see Me in prayer, in worship, in My Word, and even in the world around you. Get ready. I'm coming. I'm coming first to My household. That's why I said I'm knocking. As I set in order those things in My house, I will have a house fit to bring My lost ones home, fit to bring guests to. A house to celebrate My love for you, for others, and a place to call home to rest My Spirit, My glory and My love. My presence will dwell like an ever-flowing fountain. In My presence, you are changed.*

*Together, we will harvest the hurting, the blind, the broken, all who will come, and they will come. They will not be able to resist My love coming out of you. My love for the world will be seen, and they will come to My saving grace. The world and the kingdoms of the world will bow their knee, not because they have to in defeat, but in worship, declaring, "Jesus Is Lord!"*

## MAKE IT PERSONAL

Are you ready to bow your knee in worship and not defeat? This unveiling of God's plan in the throne room begins with the Church.



2 Chronicles 7:14, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

Don't wait to go to God's throne room until problems and life have you defeated. Make a commitment today that you will take the time every day to worship God. Ask God for the times and also how, so you don't commit to something in your own strength or by performance. Let Him guide you how to set aside time to worship Him.