

TRANSFORMATION: THE CALL TO WORSHIP

→ Transformation Calls for Developing a Faithful Consciousness of God - Ps 16:8; Acts 2:25-28; Matt 6:33

- Each and every life event is a call to worship - Jo 4:19-24

- We start with celebration before analysis - Ps 42:9-11; Eph 5:20; Ja 1:2

→ We Celebrate a Mysterious and Majestic God

- The God of Mystery - Ps 145:3; Ro 11:33; Eph 3:8-12; I Cor 2:6-9,14

...Spiritual mysteries are not understood by human intellect, but lived by faith

- The God of Majesty - Ps 8:1; 50:21; 93:1; Ro 11:36

...Either our worship is awe-ful or it will be awful

→ We Humble Ourselves Before God As an Act of Worship - Ps 25:9; Micah 6:8; Ja 4:6,10

- In humble worship, we bow before the God of Majesty - Ps 95:6; Phil 2:9-11

- In humble worship, we stop arguing with the God of Mystery - Ps 46:10; Phil 2:14

- In humble worship, we renounce self-determination - Ro 6:12-13; II Cor 10:5; I Pet 1:22

...we trade grumbling for gratefulness - Eph 5:20; I Thess 5:18

...we trade our fantasies for reality - Eph 5:14

...we trade our excuses for the truth - Jo 8:31-32

...we drop our demands for understanding - Heb 11:3

→ The Call to Worship Is an Invitation to Get Lost in the Person of God - Lk 9:24

- True worship is always personal - Ps 104:1

...God becomes the subject, all else is predicate - Acts 4:23-31

...It is a whole life response - I Thess 5:23

- True worship is always a test - Gen 22:1,5

...a test of "first things" - Matt 6:33; Lk 4:6-8

...a test of the objects of our faith - Matt 26:39; Ja 1:21

...a test of our interest in God - Matt 19:16-22

- True worship is always nourishing our love affair with God - Lk 10:27

...we learn to think and choose in the presence of love - I Jo 4:7-2