



Worship – The Road Back 1st Chronicles 16:12-15

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- Life can sure get sticky, confusing, difficult, disheartening at times
 - Sometimes because we live in a lost, sinful world
 - Sometimes because of circumstances from decisions
 - Most of us will bear scars on or pain in our heart because of them
 - The whys, what ifs, if onlys of life can cause your life train to speed off the track and fall crashing on the rocks in the canyon below
 - You look up from the canyon below and wonder if there is any way to get back up and just live in peace and hope again

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- Jesus tells us our adversary is working in your lives to crash your train
 - **John 10:10 NIV**, The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy (*train wreck*); I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.
 - **MSG**, A thief is only there to steal and kill and destroy. I came so they can have real and eternal life, more and better life than they ever dreamed of.
 - From this promise we can see that there is the possibility of a full, meaningful and abundant life even after the crash, sin, destruction
 - Scripture tells us to repent of our sin and the direction our lives are heading and seek or look into the face of God
 - Your child in trouble has a hard time looking at your face, staring at the hands that might bring discipline, not letting their eyes of truth deceive them

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- **2nd Chronicles 7:14 NIV**, if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.
 - This is impossible to consistently do unless we know whom we are calling on, humbling ourselves to, whose face we are seeking, whose ears are listening, whose forgiveness and healing we are seeking
 - The road back is really though worship and you can't worship unless you know the one you are pledging your life to

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- Last week we began looking at worship and learned worship happens from our hearts when we
 - Give praise to the Lord
 - Sing to him
 - Glory in his holy name
 - Seek his face always (*continually*) – (*1st Chron. 16:8-11*)
- King David tells us this morning that the road back through worship must contain the ingredient of “**remembering**”

Scripture

- **1st Chronicles 16:12-15** 12 Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced, 13 you his servants, the descendants of Israel, his chosen ones, the children of Jacob. 14 He is the Lord our God; his judgments are in all the earth. 15 He remembers his covenant forever.

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- We are going to use a man named Moses as our example this morning
- **Exodus 2:1 NIV**, Now a man of the tribe of Levi married a Levite woman, 2 and she became pregnant and gave birth to a son. When she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him for three months.
 - Fine carries the idea of good or exceptional
 - **Acts 7:20 NIV**, “At that time Moses was born, and he was no ordinary child (*Or was fair in the sight of God*).”
 - Connected somehow to the promise of God to return Israel to the Promised Land

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 - **Hebrews 11:23 AMP**, By faith Moses, after his birth, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful and divinely favored child; and they were not afraid of the king's (Pharaoh's) decree.
 - **Acts 7:21 NIV**, 21 When he was placed outside, Pharaoh's daughter took him and brought him up as her own son. 22 Moses was educated in all the wisdom of the Egyptians and was powerful in speech and action.
 - **Acts 7:23-24 NIV**, 23 "When Moses was forty years old, he decided to visit his own people, the Israelites. 24 He saw one of them being mistreated by an Egyptian, so he went to his defense and avenged him by killing the Egyptian.

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- We are going to use a man named Moses as an example this morning
 - **Acts 7:25 NIV**, 25 Moses thought that his own people would realize that God was using him to rescue them, but they did not.
 - Result - **Acts 7:29 NIV**, He fled to Midian, where he settled as a foreigner and had two sons.”

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 - About 40 years later, Moses finds himself on the backside of a mountain tending someone else's sheep because he settled
 - He lost his fire of purpose, hope of great things in his life, his family and people, place in God's plan
 - Is there a way back for Moses? Can God fill his life with purpose and meaning once again? Has Moses lost his position in God's future plans for Israel?

We must consistently and constantly remember who God is

- We have a tendency to redefine God and His Word when living on the backside of the mountain
 - We begin living by emotions rather than faith
- **Exodus 3:1-4 NIV**, Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. 2 There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. 3 So Moses thought, “I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up.”
 - I call this the Steve Irwin, known as "The Crocodile Hunter", effect

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- **Exodus 3:1-4 NIV**, 4 When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, “Moses! Moses!” And Moses said, “Here I am.”
 - God knew where Moses was at, but Moses needed to recognize it himself
 - Here I am – I have settled on the backside of the mountain, taking care of someone else’s stuff rather than God’s, running from God’s call on my life, hopeless and no interest in returning
 - Can you hear the negative thinking going on in Moses’ mind
 - I’m a lost cause, made everyone else’s life miserable, may even be lost eternally

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- **Exodus 3:1-5 NIV**, 5 “Do not come any closer,” God said. “Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.” 6 Then he said, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.” At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.
 - “I’m here Moses and that makes this holy ground so take off your shoes”
 - Taking off one's shoes was and still is a sign of reverence, humility, and respect
 - It’s at this point that Moses probably felt condemned

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 - “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.”
 - Moses knew who was speaking to him so why was it important for God to remind Moses
 - Moses, I am a covenant (*promise*) keeping God
 - Moses is never going to be open to God’s instructions unless he knows who is speaking, never coming back

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- **1st Chronicles 16:15**, “He remembers his covenant (*promises*) forever.”
 - As a born-again child of God, we are under covenant with Him through Jesus
 - **Romans 10:13 NIV**, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”
 - Calls with a heart of faith and trust in all Jesus is and has accomplished
 - Taking off our shoes at the cross of Jesus since it is holy ground, accepting His forgiveness
 - Taking off our shoes at the empty tomb of Jesus since it is holy ground, rising in newness of life

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- **1st Chronicles 16:15**, “He remembers his covenant (*promises*) forever.”
 - You might lose sight of the covenant made but God will never
 - You might find yourself lost on the backside of a spiritual mountain, but God has not lost you
 - You might not know the way back, but God does
- We begin to worship when we remember the covenant between us and God, recognize our unworthiness of it but accept His grace to be in His presence through the righteousness of Jesus
- We never take God’s grace and our salvation for granted, it always has the supreme place in our heart and mind

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- **1st Chronicles 16:12-13** 12 Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, and the judgments (*decisions made against Egypt*) he pronounced, 13 you his servants, the descendants of Israel, his chosen ones, the children of Jacob.
 - God brings miracles and wonders to the surface at times so we can see what He is doing behind the scenes
 - God destroyed all the Egyptian gods, Egyptian power, Egyptian will
 - God was in covenant with the Nation of Israel through the faith of Abraham to give them the Promised Land

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- **Deuteronomy 29:5-6 NIV**, 5 Yet the Lord says, “During the forty years that I led you through the wilderness, your clothes did not wear out, nor did the sandals on your feet. 6 You ate no bread and drank no wine or other fermented drink. I did this so that you might know that I am the Lord your God.”
- **Acts 2:22 NIV**, “Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know.”
 - God brought to the surface who Jesus was using miracles, wonders and signs
 - They pointed not just to who Jesus was, but what Jesus was going to do

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- Remember Christians all what God has done for you
 - Focus on what you have rather than what you think might be missing
 - Remember, He is personally leading and guiding you
 - Embrace who Jesus is, what He has done, grace handed down to us through the finished work of Jesus Christ
 - Reach out and grasp His promises to you in faith, making them yours
 - This far outweighs the circumstances swirling around your life today
 - Let this lead you to truly worship Him and rejoicing through Him

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- We either are love by God or not
 - Forgiven or not
 - Empowered or not
 - His child in His Kingdom or not
 - What was the answer God gave to Moses?

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- **Exodus 3:7-10 NIV**, 7 The Lord said, “I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. 8 So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. 9 And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. 10 So now, go (*return*). I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt.”

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- Look, God is reestablishing Moses' call in life, Sending him back
 - It will look differently than Moses imagined
 - It will be difficult, but I will be with you and empower you
 - I will lead my people to the promise I made to Abraham

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- Moses began making excuses why he could not return
 - “Who am I?”, “What if the people do not listen to me?”, “I don’t speak well.”
 - God brought Moses out of his self-disrespect and fear of failure leading him to become the Moses we respect, honor, and an example of what God can do in the life of one He is leading
- So now, go. I am sending you.



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