

Strengthened With Power

Series: Break Through

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INTRODUCTION

We are currently in a sermon series called, "Break Through". In this series, we will be focusing on 4 areas of our lives where we could potentially experience some amazing spiritual breakthroughs in 2016. Today, we looked at the importance of worship, and the kind of worship God desires for our lives.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What are some of the things in your life that take up the most time, energy, resources or finances? Would you say that you are worshipping these things? Why or why not?
2. When you think of worship, what thoughts, images or ideas come to mind? What are some things that have shaped your understanding of worship?
3. Read Hebrews 13:15. One of the key words in this verse is "continually". How would you read and understand this verse without this one word in it? How could this affect and impact the way we practice worship?
4. Another key word in verse 15 is the word "sacrifice". What are some of the things in your life that you are willing to sacrifice for? Why? When it comes to our spiritual lives and our worship of God, why are we often reluctant to sacrifice our time, our energy, our resources, etc.?
5. God calls us to not only sacrifice but to offer up the fruit of our lips. This means, giving to Him our very best. Would you say that you've given to Him your very best? Why or why not?
6. Read Hebrews 13:16. True God-honoring and Gospel-centered worship always involves some sort of action and response. What are some ways we can respond in worship? What are some things we can do as an expression of our gratitude and allegiance to Him?

CONCLUSION

Pastor Louie Giglio put it this way: *"You simply follow the trail of your time, your affection, your energy, your money and your loyalty. At the end of that trail you'll find a throne; and whatever, or whomever, is on that throne is what's of highest value to you. On that throne is what you worship."*

As we examine our lives, where is the trail of our time, our affection, our energy, our money and our loyalty leading to? We need to take a good hard look at our heart of worship, and ask ourselves: "To WHAT and WHOM will we invest our lives in? Will we make it count just for today or for the rest of eternity?"

"So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: take your everyday, ordinary life – your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life – and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him." – Romans 12:1 The MSG