

MY WAY OR THE HIGHWAY

Message 5 – Worship (Part 3 of 3)

General Introduction –

Have you ever had someone tell you, in so many words, “It’s my way or the highway”? How did that make you feel? What if I were to tell you that God says that to us? He really does. Over five Sundays we are going to teach on 3 areas where God literally says, “My Way Or The Highway”. The three areas that we will be discussing are....

- SALVATION – JOHN 14:6 ✓
- LORDSHIP – LUKE 6:46 ✓
- WORSHIP – MARK 7:6-7 ✓

Message Introduction – Ill. of “Dick Iverson: Unforgettable Principles & Results”

*“They honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. **THEY WORSHIP ME IN VAIN.**”*
*“**TRUE WORSHIPERS** worship in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks.”*
- JESUS (Mt 15:8-9 / Jn 4:23)

*Today we continue our teaching on genuine worship that is both ACCEPTABLE and PLEASING to God!

- **Worship That Comes From the Heart**
- **Spirited, Passionate Worship**
- **Worship Founded in Truth (Word & Self)**
- **Worship that Exalts God / Hides Us**
- **Nothing But Our Best Worship**
- **Worship that is God Centered / Seeker Sensitive**
- **Worship that is Progressive in Nature**

***UNDERSTANDING CORPORATE WORSHIP...**

1. **BOTH CORPORATE & PERSONAL**

*Luke 19:37 – “When He came near ... **the whole crowd** of disciples began joyfully to praise God”*

*Luke 7:37-38 – “... **a woman** who had lived a sinful life ... brought an alabaster jar of perfume, and as she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them.”*

Discussion Questions –

1. Is there a difference between “private” and “corporate” worship?
2. Yet this point shares that corporate worship can still be what?
3. How do you manage to make corporate worship personal?

2. **BUT IN THE CHURCH I’D RATHER...**

*1 Cor 14:19a – “**But in the church** I would rather speak ...”*

- **Key Words: “Edify” ... “Build Up” ... “Strengthening” (The Church)**
- **Give a Clear Sound**
- **As “One Body”**

Discussion Questions –

1. Why is it scripturally wrong to simply “forget everyone” and loose yourself in worship when gathered as a church?
2. Discuss each bullet and what they have to do with this point?

3. THE POWER OF CORPORATE WORSHIP

*Ps. 22:3(K.J.V.) – “But thou art holy, O thou that **inhabits (enthroned) the praises of Israel**”*

*2 Chron. 5:13 – “The trumpeters and singers joined in unison, as with one voice to give praise and thanks to the Lord. ... Then the temple of the Lord was filled with a cloud, and the priests could not perform their service because of the cloud, for **the glory of the Lord filled the temple of God.**”*

- **Praise = Presence**
- **Unified, Uniform Worship = Glory**
- **Power of Agreement = Greater Results**
- **Power of Agreement = Greater Victory**

Discussion Questions –

1. Unified worship has the power to bring God’s glory. What is the difference between God’s presence and His glory?
2. What scripture says that results come from the power of agreement?
3. What does the scripture say about the greater victories that come as a result of this point?

4. TWO KEYS: WHAT? & WHERE?

John 5:19 – “The Son can only do what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does.”

*Ez 47:9 – “...so **where the river flows everything will live.**”*

- **WHAT is God doing?**
- **WHERE is the River flowing?**

Discussion Questions –

1. Why is it scripturally wrong to simply “forget everyone” and loose yourself in worship when gathered as a church?
2. Discuss each bullet and what they have to do with this point?

5. SHOWERS OF BLESSING

*Deut 11:13-14 – “If you will worship him, then He will send **the rains** ... so you can **harvest...** give you **lush pasturelands** ... and you will have **plenty to eat.**”*