

MORE 2 LIFE MINISTRIES, INC.
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JOHN 4:13 THANK YOU MAN. JESUS ANSWERED EVERYONE WHO DRINKS THIS WATER WILL BE THIRSTY AGAIN. BUT WHOEVER DRINKS THE WATER I GIVE HIM WILL NEVER THIRST. INDEED, THE WATER I GIVE HIM WILL BECOME IN HIM A SPRING OF WATER WELLING UP TO ETERNAL LIFE. THE WOMAN SAID SERVER TO BE THIS WATER. SO I WON'T GET THURSDAY AND LEFT COME HERE TO DRAW WATER. AND HE TOLD HER GO CALL YOUR HUSBAND, AND COME BACK. I HAVE NO HUSBAND SHE REPLIED JESUS SAID TO HER YOU'RE RIGHT WHEN YOU HAVE NO HUSBAND. THE FACT IS, YOU'VE HAD FIVE HUSBANDS. AND THE MAN YOU NOW HAVE IS NOT YOUR HUSBAND. JUST WHAT YOU SAID NOW IS QUITE TRUE. SIR, THE WOMAN SAID, I CAN SEE THAT YOU ARE A PROPHET. SHE ASKED A QUESTION THAT I THINK HAD BEEN BUGGING HER. THE FATHER HAD WORSHIPED ON THIS MOUNTAIN BUT YOU JEWS CLAIM THAT THE PLACE WHERE WE MUST WORSHIP IS IN JERUSALEM. AND JESUS DECLARED, BELIEVE ME WOMAN THERE IS A TIME COMING AND IS NOW COME, WHEN THE TRUE WORSHIPERS WILL WORSHIP THE FATHER IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH. FOR THEY ARE THE KIND OF WORSHIPERS THE FATHER SEEKS. GOD IS SPIRIT. AND AS WORSHIPERS, MUST WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH. AND THIS IS WHAT WE'RE GOING TO BE TALKING ABOUT TODAY. THE WOMAN SAID I KNOW THAT MESSIAH CALLED CHRIST IS COMING. AND YOU CAN HEAR THE HOPE IN HER VOICE WHEN SHE SAID, WHEN HE COMES, HE WILL EXPLAIN EVERYTHING TO US. AND JESUS DECLARED, I TO SPEAK TO YOU AND HE.

LAST WEEK WE BEGAN TO LOOK AT THE IDEA OF THE WOMAN AT THE WELL. HE DEALT WITH HER EXCLUSIVELY. WE'VE GOT WITH HOW JESUS MET HER AT A POINT OF NEED AND HOW HE ANSWERED. THREE QUESTIONS THAT SHE DESPERATELY WANTED ANSWERED.

NUMBER ONE WHERE IS GOD? CAN HE BE FOUND? DOES HE EXIST AND CAN HE BE FOUND QUESTION WHERE IS GOD QUESTION AND NUMBER TWO, WHERE IS GOD AND WHERE CAN I FIND THEM THIRD QUESTION IF I DO FIND HIM, WOULD HE LET ME COME TO HIM, ME, WITH ALL THE MESS IN MY LIFE?

WORSHIP IS HOW WE ANSWER THOSE THREE QUESTIONS, AND OUR PERSONAL LIFE, NOW THE DAY IS TO MAKE SOME APPLICATION TO US PERSONALLY AND THOSE THREE QUESTIONS. AND THOSE THREE QUESTIONS CAN BEST TO BE EXPLAINED. BUT WHAT IS WORSHIP. WORSHIP LITERALLY TRULY MEANS TO DESCRIBE WORTH. IT IS WORTH SHIP, IT IS GIVING WEIGHT TO SOMETHING. AND I'VE USED THIS TERM QUITE OFTEN WHEN I'VE TALKED ABOUT THIS WEIGHT IN YOUR LIFE. HE HAS SUBSTANCE, HE HAS WEIGHT, YOU CAN FEEL IT IN YOUR LIFE. WHAT IS WORSHIP IN US TRULY? HAVE YOU EVER TRULY WORSHIPED IN YOUR LIFE? I USED AN EXAMPLE TO DAY -- MY WIFE IS HERE -- AND I HOPE I DON'T MAKE HER BLUSH, BUT THERE ARE TIMES WHEN I WORSHIP MY WIFE. AND I MEAN THIS IN A WAY -- LISTEN TO ME CAREFULLY. SOMETIMES -- WE'VE BEEN MARRIED FOR 27 YEARS NOW, AND OUR RELATIONSHIP JETS GETS CLOSER AND CLOSER. THERE ARE TIMES WHEN WE ARE GOING DOWN THE ROAD -- IT'S JUST THE TWO OF US -- AND THE KIDS ARE IN THE CAR, I DON'T CARE. LET THEM SEE US GET IN THE SHE. AND WILL BE GOING DOWN THE ROAD AND I'LL JUST GRAB HER AND I TRY TO EXPRESS TO HER IN WORDS WHAT SHE MEANS TO ME. THERE'S NO WAY

TO DO IT. YOU JUST TRY. AND THERE'S NEVER ENOUGH WORDS AND YET YOU KNOW I JUST GRAB HER HANDS AND I KISSED HER AND I JUST TRIED TO EXPLAIN -- I CAN'T -- AT THAT MOMENT, SHE HAS WEIGHT IN MY LIFE. SHE HAS SUBSTANCE. AT THAT MOMENT, GOD BRINGS ME TO THE UNDERSTANDING THAT IT'S OKAY. LET'S YOUR WIFE KNOW THAT. AND YOU SAY WELL, YOU SHOULDN'T WORSHIP ANYTHING. WE WORSHIP THINGS ALL THE TIME. DO YOU KNOW WHO I WORSHIP THE MOST? ME. I HAVE WEIGHT IN MY LIFE. I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN, BUT I HAVE WEIGHT. I GOT UP THIS MORNING, AND I DRESSED ME. AFTER I BASED ME YOU SEE. I BASED ME, I DRESSED ME, I TOOK CARE OF ME. AND TOMORROW I'LL GET UP AND TAKE CARE OF ME. I WILL TAKE ME TO ALL THE PLACES I NEED TO BE, OR I WANT TO BE. THAT'S WHAT I DO FOR ME, BECAUSE I HAVE WEIGHT IN MY LIFE. I HAD SUBSTANCE. HE'LL SAY OH I DON'T DO IT BECAUSE I THINK I'M BETTER THAN OTHERS. ACTUALLY I HAVE ONE OF THOSE SELF-DEPRECIATION PROBLEMS, SO IT'S NOT THAT I THINK THAT I'M BETTER THAN OTHERS, IT'S JUST THAT'S HOW IT WORKS. I'M THINKING ABOUT ME. WORSHIP COMES WHEN WE BEGIN TO SAY THAT SOMETHING HAS WEIGHT, IT HAS SUBSTANCE, IT DRIVES US; IT CONTROLS US; IT MOVES US. THE THINGS THAT WE DO IS BECAUSE OF THIS. THAT'S WORSHIP. DON'T EVER LET SOMEBODY TELL YOU THAT WORSHIP IS JUST SINGING IN CHURCH. BECAUSE SOME CAN SING AND SOME CAN'T. NOW I HAD A VOICE TEACHER WHO TOLD ME THAT THERE WERE NO REALLY BAD SINGERS, JUST BAD HEARERS. YOU CAN'T HEAR THAT YOU'RE OFF SO YOU SING OFF. AND I'VE MET SOME GREAT HEARERS AND I'VE MET SOME BAD HEARERS. OR DON'T LET SOMEBODY TELL YOU THAT IT'S ABOUT HEARING A SERMON. THAT'S JUST TO HELP FACILITATE

WORSHIP. JUST TO HELP US GET INTO THE FLOW OF THAT. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN IN THE FLOW OF IT? IN THE FLOW OF WORSHIP IN WHICH CHRIST HAS SUBSTANCE.

TWO THINGS I WANT TO TALK ABOUT TODAY AS WE GET INTO WORSHIP AND TO TRY TO ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS, WHERE IS GOD? WHERE CAN HE BE FOUND? CAN I COME TO HIM? IF I CAN'T FIND HIM, WILL HE LET ME COME TO HIM? WE BEGIN TO TALK ABOUT THESE TWO ISSUES. HIM AND HE BASED SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH. LET'S LOOK AT THE FIRST POINT. NUMBER ONE. WORSHIP BASED ON TRUTH FILLED ACCEPTANCE. WORSHIP BASED ON TRUTH FILLED ACCEPTANCE. THERE ARE SOME THINGS THAT ARE JUST TRUTH. YOU CAN'T -- I WANT TALK ABOUT SPIRIT AND TRUTH -- BECAUSE THE ONE THING I WANT TO ESTABLISH RIGHT OFF IS WORSHIPING SOMETHING THAT'S NOT TRUE DOESN'T MAKE IT RIGHT. LET ME SAY THIS AGAIN. WORSHIPING SOMETHING THAT ISN'T TRUE DOESN'T MAKE IT RIGHT. WELL, THEY ARE SINCERE. THEY HAVE A GREAT BELIEF SYSTEM BUT IT'S NOT TRUE. NOW I WANT MY CAR TO BE ABLE TO RUN OFF WATER. BECAUSE THERE'S MORE OF IT THAN THERE IS GASOLINE. WELL, THAT'S WHAT THE GOVERNMENT TELLS ME ANYWAY. SO, I WANT TO BE ABLE TO TAKE MY CAR, STICK AND PUT WATER INTO THE TANK AND DRIVE. I'M SINCERE ABOUT THIS. I SINCERELY WANT TO DO THIS. THERE IS MANY TIMES I'VE LONGINGLY LOOKED AT THE HOSE AND SAID WISH I COULD PICTURE IN THERE BUDDY. WISH YOU COULD TAKE CARE OF THIS THING. BUT NO MATTER HOW SINCERE I AM IS THAT GOING TO MAKE MY CAR RUN? NO. WHY? BECAUSE IT WON'T RUN A CAR. WE TRIED TO DO THIS TOO MANY

TIMES, WELL I BELIEVE IT IS, I FEEL THIS; I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S IN THE BIBLE, BUT THIS IS HOW I FEEL. WELL BUT THAT DOESN'T MAKE IT RIGHT.

NUMBER ONE, WRITE THIS DOWN. WORSHIP IS NOT ABOUT YOUR FEELINGS. IT'S NOT ABOUT YOUR FEELINGS. NOW YOUR FEELINGS GET INVOLVED IN IT IN A MINUTE AND WE DO WANT TO HAVE THAT, BECAUSE THAT'S THE WHOLE BUT THE NUMBER ONE THING WE HAVE TO UNDERSTAND IS WORSHIP IS ABOUT UNDERSTANDING CHRIST AT THE TRUTH LEVEL AND ACCEPTING TRUTH NO MATTER WHAT THAT TRUTH MAY BE THAT CHRIST SPEAKS. LET ME SHOW YOU WHAT I MEAN. WORSHIP BASED ON TRUTH FILLED ACCEPTANCE. THERE ARE TWO REVELATIONS IN CHRISTIANITY. THE REVELATION OF GOD AND THE REVELATION OF OURSELVES. NO MAN EVER REALLY SEES HIMSELF, UNTIL HE SEES HIMSELF IN THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST'S AND HE IS APPALLED AT THE SITES. THERE IS ANOTHER WAY OF PUTTING IT. CHRISTIANITY -- -- WRITE THIS DOWN -- -- A WRITE THIS DOWN -- -- WRITE THIS DOWN -- -- IF SOMEBODY ASKS YOU HOW DOES CHRISTIANITY START, HERE YOU GO. CHRISTIANITY BEGINS WITH A SENSE OF SAND. OH I THOUGHT I HAD TO FEEL GOOD ABOUT JESUS! YOU DO, YOU NEED TO GET TO UNDERSTAND WHO JESUS IS BUT YOU NEED TO UNDERSTAND WHO YOU ARE. THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO WANT TO ACCEPT JESUS CHRIST ON THE EQUAL PLAYING AND. I'M OKAY, YOU'RE OKAY. WELL JESUS IS OKAY BUT YOU AREN'T. NOT JESUS MAKES YOU BETTER THAN OKAY. JESUS MAKES YOU MORE THAN CONQUERORS. WE DON'T COME TO JESUS OH WITH THE IDEA, THAT SOUNDS WONDERFUL, THAT'S JUST WONDERFUL, THAT JUST MAKES ME FEEL GOOD. NO. BECAUSE WHEN YOU COME TO CHRIST, THERE'S THAT MOMENT OF NOT FEELING

GOOD. WHEN SIN REALLY BECOMES A PART OF YOUR LIFE AND YOU HAVE TO DEAL WITH THAT SIN. CHRISTIANITY BEGINS WITH A SENSE OF SIN. IT BEGINS WITH A SUDDEN REALIZATION THAT LIFE, AS WE ARE LIVING IT, WILL NOT DO. AND THIS IS WHERE THE RUBBER MEETS THE ROAD AND THIS IS WHERE SO MANY PEOPLE WILL NOT COME TO CHRIST BECAUSE THE LIFE THEY HAVE RIGHT NOW, THEY THINK ITS DOING. OH THEY THINK IT HAS THE POSSIBILITY OF DOING. I HAD A FRIEND OF MINE, AND A FORMER CHURCH, JAMES KNOWS WHO IT IS BECAUSE HE HAD TO COUNSEL HIM. WHO GOT WRAPPED UP INTO GAMBLING. AND WHEN I BEGAN TO TALK TO THE MAN, HE HAD GOTTEN INVOLVED IN VIDEO POKER. HE HAD LOST EVERYTHING. AND I MEAN EVERYTHING. EVEN HIS WIFE'S HOUSE THAT SHE HAD GOTTEN. THERE IS SO MANY THINGS INVOLVED IN IT. HIS WIFE HAD LEFT THEM AND SHE HAD COME BACK TO HIM AND THEY HAD BEGUN -- -- JAMES HAD COUNSELED WITH HIM. AND THEY GOT BACK TOGETHER. IT'S GOT GREAT, AND THEN HE GOT HOOKED AGAIN. AND AS I BEGAN TO TALK TO THIS FELLOW ABOUT HIS GAMBLING ADDICTION, HE SAID YOU GOT TO UNDERSTAND THE HEART OF A GAMBLER; YOU ALWAYS THINK THIS TIME. OH I KNOW IT'S BEEN TERRIBLE, I KNOW IT'S WRONG, I KNOW IT SUCKS MEN, I KNOW ITS ADDICTION, BUT THIS TIME I'M FEELING LUCKY. IT'S NOT ABOUT FEELING LUCKY, ABOUT CHRISTIANITY. IT'S ABOUT UNDERSTANDING THAT THERE IS NO LUCK IN CHRIST; IT'S ALL ABOUT THE WILL OF GOD. AND IT'S ABOUT WORSHIP. AND WORSHIP BRINGS US TO THE SENSE OF THE FACT THAT THIS LIFE THAT WE'RE LIVING IT WITHOUT CHRIST WILL NOT DO. AND SO WE WANT SOMETHING BETTER. LIVING -- -- AS WE'RE LIVING IT WILL NOT DO. WE AWAKEN. TO OURSELVES. WE AWAKEN TO OURSELVES AND TO

OUR NEED OF GOD. AN AWAKENING THE LIGHT COMES ON. AND SUDDENLY YOU'RE AWAKENED TO THE FACT THAT I NEED THIS IN MY LIFE. AT THE HEART OF ALL OF THIS IS A FUNDAMENTAL TRUTHS THAT IN THE HUMAN HEART THERE IS A THIRST FOR SOMETHING THAT ONLY JESUS CAN FILL. NUMBER ONE THING YOU NEED TO UNDERSTAND ABOUT THE TRUTH. YOU NEED TO UNDERSTAND THE TRUTH ABOUT WHO CHRIST REALLY IS. BECAUSE WE CAN ONLY SEE OURSELVES, THE STATEMENT SAYS, AS WE SEE CHRIST AND WHO HE REALLY IS, WE SEE WHO WE ARE AND HOW MUCH WE NEED HIM AND THE ONLY WAY TO HAVE A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD IS THROUGH THIS PERFECT INDIVIDUAL. SO LET'S SEE WHO CHRIST IS. WHO WAS HE. CHRIST -- IN JOHN 15 -- WE'RE TOLD HE IS THE _____.

THAT'S A GREEK WORD THAT IT'S HARD TO TRANSLATE BUT IT MEANS HE'S IT. HE'S IT. HE'S ALL THERE IS. EVERYTHING STEMS AND COMES OUT OF HIM. HE IS THE CREATOR OF ALL THINGS AND HIM ALL THINGS, ALL LIFE ALL CREATION, YOU ARE HERE BECAUSE OF HIM. THIS IS HERE BECAUSE OF HIM. THAT IS HERE BECAUSE OF HIM. EVERYTHING IS HERE BECAUSE OF HIM. HE IS THE _____ HE IS THE MESSIAH; HE IS THE ANOINTED ONE; HE IS THE SON OF GOD. HE HAS ALWAYS BEEN; HE WILL ALWAYS BE. HE WAS THE CREATOR OF ALL THINGS. HE WAS THE ONE WHO SPOKE THE WORLD INTO EXISTENCE. ALL THINGS WERE MADE BY HIM AND THROUGH HIM AND ALL THINGS WERE MADE -- AND NOTHING WAS MADE THAT WAS NOT MADE THROUGH HIM, THE BIBLE SAYS. THAT'S WHO JESUS IS. WE CAN NOT TAKE A LESSER ROLE; WE CANNOT SEE HIM AS SOME TEACHER; WE CANNOT SEE HIM AS SOME GOOD SPEAKER; WE CANNOT SEE HIM AS SOME GOOD MORALIST. JESUS EITHER DIED. JESUS CAME AND HE

HUMBLED HIMSELF IN THE FORM OF A HUMAN. HE WAS WILLING TO DIE. HE DIED ON A CROSS. HE WAS BURIED AND HE ROSE AGAIN. ALL OF THOSE THINGS HAVE TO BE TRUE BECAUSE IF THEY ARE NOT TRUE THEN THE TEACHINGS OF CHRIST ARE OF NO ACCOUNT. THEY ARE GARBAGE. THEY ARE WORTH NOTHING. HE IS EITHER A GREAT LIAR OR A LUNATIC. YOU DON'T HAVE AN OPTION HERE. YOU MUST ACCEPT IT AS A WHOLE OR NOT ACCEPTED AT ALL. AND ALL OF THESE THINGS WE HAVE TO ACCEPT THAT A WORSHIP LEVEL. WE HAVE TO. THERE ARE SOME THINGS YOU ACCEPT EVERY DAY OF YOUR LIFE. YOU JUST ACCEPT THEM. I HAVE NO IDEA HOW A CAR WORKS. I KNOW IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE A COMBUSTION ENGINE AND SOMETHING BLOWS UP. AND IT MAKES A MOVE. SOMEHOW THIS THING WORKS. I DON'T KNOW HOW IT WORKS. I JUST DRIVE IT. I DON'T SAY, WELL I DON'T KNOW. I DON'T KNOW HOW IT WORKS CAUSE I AIN'T DRIVING IT. I'M JUST GOING TO GET ME A HORSE BECAUSE I KNOW HOW THAT WORKS. I DON'T HOW TO RIDE ONE. I WROTE ONE ONCE, IT WAS AN UGLY PICTURE. MY REAR AND WAS LIKE A BASKETBALL IN THAT SEAT. IT WAS NO GOOD GOD BLESS THE PEOPLE WHO RIDE HORSES, BUT GIVE ME AN AUTOMOBILE ANY DAY. I DON'T UNDERSTAND THEM BUT AT THE BASIC LEVEL I DO, I ACCEPTED. CHRIST MUST BE ACCEPTED. LET ME JUST GET DOWN TO THE POINT.

WHAT IN GOD'S NAME ARE WE DOING HERE. THAT'S WHAT THEY ASKED IN SAMARIA WHEN THE DISCIPLES WENT AND I'M CONVINCED THAT'S WHAT WE'RE ASKING OURSELVES. WHAT IN GOD'S NAME ARE WE DOING HERE? WHAT IS THIS ALL ABOUT? WHY DO WE COME HERE? WHAT IS LIFE ALL ABOUT? LET ME MAKE THIS SIMPLE. LIFE IS ABOUT CHRIST.

COLOSSIANS 3, IT SAYS CHRIST, WHO IS OUR LIFE. OH JOHN, YOU'RE MAKING THAT TOO BIG NO, I'M SERIOUS. WE WERE CREATED BY GOD TO BE IN FELLOWSHIP WITH HIM. LIFE WAS SUPPOSED TO ALWAYS BE ABOUT US BEING IN RELATIONSHIP WITH THE ALMIGHTY GOD AND HE WOULD WALK WITH US IN THE COOL OF THE DAY AS HE DID ADAM AND EVE IF. AND WE REBELLED. AND WE DECIDED GOD WASN'T WORTH MUCH SO WE TRIED TO SHOVE HIM OVER TO THE SIDE AND TRIED TO MAKE OUR LIFE WHAT IT WAS ALL ABOUT. WE COME HERE EVERY WEEK TO TRY TO REMIND US THAT LIFE IS VERY SIMPLE. THERE IS GOD AND WE ARE TO HAVE A RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM. AND THAT'S WHAT WE COME HERE FOR. THAT'S WHAT WE DO THIS TEACHING FOR. AND IT'S SO DIFFICULT FOR US TO GET IT INTO THE MINDS BECAUSE EVERYTHING ELSE BECOMES TOO CROWDED AND. THERE IS A SINFUL NATURE IN OURSELVES THAT WANTS TO PUSH AWAY THE WEIGHT OF CHRIST. THAT WANTS TO GET THE WEIGHT OFF OF US SO THAT WE CAN BE FREE TO DO WHATEVER WE WANT TO DO. I JUST WANT TO BE FREE. FREE TO DO WHAT? I WANT TO BE ABLE TO DO WHAT I WANT TO DO WHEN I WANT TO DO IT, WHICH IS A RECIPE FOR DISASTER! I WANT TO GET UP THIS MORNING AND I WANT TO HAVE NO TIES I DON'T WANT TO HAVE MY FAMILY TIES, EITHER WHILE MY WIFE TO -- I DON'T WANT NO WEIGHT ON ME. JUST ME. ME MOVING. JUKING, JUST LOVING LIFE; DOING WHAT I WANT TO DO. DON'T STOP ME. I'M FREE, I'M LIVING IT, I'M LOVING IT, I'M LIVING THE LIFE. NO. I'M LIVING A LIE. SOMETHING HAS TO HAVE WEIGHT ON IT. THERE ARE THOSE CHAINS THAT HAVE WEIGHT ON YOU AND ALL OF MUST HAVE IT. IT'S LIKE THE FISH, AND I KNOW I'VE SHARED THIS WITH YOU -- EVEN BETTER THAN THIS. IT'S LIKE THE BABY ON THE BED. HOW MANY OF YOU HAVE

EVER HAD A BABY? MEN DON'T RAISE YOUR HAND, PLEASE. YOU SUPERVISE MAN, OKAY. OKAY HOW MANY OF YOU HAVE EVER HAD A BABY? YOU HAD A BABYSITTER GOING TO TAKE CARE OF THAT BABY, SO YOU SIT IT ON THE BED. THERE IT IS, SITTING ON THE BED. AND I'VE USED THIS ILLUSTRATION, BUT IT WORKS. IT REALLY DOES. YOU PUT THIS BABY ON THE BED AND YOU SAY, THERE IT IS. I'M JUST GOING TO WALK AWAY NOW. I WANT THIS BABY TO HAVE FREEDOM. I WANT THIS BABY TO UNDERSTAND ALL OF WHAT LIFE OFFERS. I DON'T WANT ANY RESTRICTIONS. DON'T PUT THOSE PILLOWS ON THE BED. I WANT THAT BABY TO MOVE WHEREVER IT WANTS TO GO. I WANT THAT BABY TO BE ABLE TO ROLL WITH NOTHING IMPEDING ITS PROGRESS. I DON'T WANT IT TO GROW UP ONE DAY AND SHAKE HIS FIST AT ITS FATHER AND SAY, YOU NEVER LET ME HAVE! AND MY WIFE WOULD COME IN AND SAY WHAT ARE YOU DOING? NO NO NO, DON'T TOUCH. LET THAT BABY ROLL, AND WHERE WOULD THAT BABY ROLL? OFF THE BED, ONTO THE FLOOR. AND THAT BABY WILL HURT ITSELF. AND NO ONE WILL SAY, WHAT A GREAT DAD. WHAT A WONDERFUL MAN! SEE I KNOW IT HURTS NOW SON BUT YOUR DAD IS TEACHING YOU A VALUABLE LESSON. THEY'RE GOING TO SAY PUT THAT MAN IN JAIL. TAKE HIM AWAY. HE'S THAT GOOD FOR THESE CHILDREN. THERE MUST BE LIMITS AND OUR LIVES. THERE MUST BE WEIGHT IN OUR LIVES. THERE MUST BE SOMETHING THAT CRIES OUT AND SAYS YOU ON YOUR OWN, IT DOESN'T WORK. YOU ON YOUR OWN WITHOUT GUIDELINES, YOU ON YOUR OWN WITHOUT LIMITS, YOU ON YOUR OWN WITHOUT TRUTH, IT DOESN'T WORK. IT'S A RECIPE FOR SELF-DESTRUCTION. WORSHIP HELPS US TO UNDERSTAND WHO WE ARE. AND WE ARE SINNERS. WE WERE BORN SINNERS SEPARATED FROM AN ALMIGHTY

GOD. AND WE NEEDED A CHRIST, AND ANOINTED ONE, A MESSIAH WHO WOULD COME DOWN AND HELP US GET BACK TO ALMIGHTY GOD. WITHOUT HIM WE WERE DOOMED. WITHOUT HIM, THERE WAS NO HOPE. BUT IN HIM, HE SWOOPS DOWN AND FINDS US, AND COMFORTS US. WHERE IS GOD? I SAID THIS LAST WEEK AND I'M GOING TO SAY IT AGAIN. WHERE IS GOD? YOU DON'T HAVE TO LOOK FOR HIM FOLKS. HE'LL FIND YOU. I USE THIS ILLUSTRATION EARLIER IN MY FIRST SERMON AND I'M GOING TO USE IT AGAIN. JEREMY BACK THERE, HAS TWO DOGS, WONDERFUL DOGS, IN A SMALL PLACE. AND THEY RAN AWAY. NOW, ESAU IS DUMB. HE IS A LOVABLE DOG BUT HE IS DUMB. REAL DUMB. AND WHEN HE RAN AWAY HE HAD NO IDEA HOW TO GET HOME. I THINK HE WANTED TO COME HOME. I THINK HE WAS SOMEWHERE AND HE REALIZED HOW DID I GET HERE? THIS AIN'T GOOD. NO THIS WAS WRONG. THIS IS TOO MUCH FREEDOM. TOO MUCH FREEDOM. WHERE'S THE LEASH? BUT HE DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO GET BACK HOME. AND HE LOOKED AND LOOKED AND HE LOOKED I'M SURE THAT NO ONE LOOKED LIKE JEREMY TO HIM. LISTEN. THE WHOLE TIME JEREMY WAS LOOKING FOR HIM. HE SAW IT DIDN'T FIND JEREMY. JEREMY FOUND ESAU. WE DO THE SAME THING. HEY THE BIBLE SAYS WE ARE LIKE SHEEP, WHICH IS DUMBER THAN ANY DOG. THE BIBLE SAYS WE'RE LIKE SHEEP. NOW YOU SAY JOHN, THAT'S DISPARAGING. I DON'T MEAN TO BE DISPARAGING BUT IT'S THE TRUTH. WE DON'T FIND GOD, HE FINDS US. HE'S CONSTANTLY MOVING, CALLING US TO HIMSELF, SAYING HERE IS TRUTH, WILL YOU ACCEPT IT? HERE IS GRACE, DO YOU WANT IT? RIGHT NOW -- SOME OF YOU HAVE BEEN WONDERING RIGHT NOW WHERE GOD IS. HE'S BEEN THERE ALL THE TIME. OH IF HE'S BEEN THERE, WHY HASN'T HE DONE

ANYTHING? DONE ANYTHING? HE SENT HIS SON DOWN HERE. HE LET HIM DIE A CRUEL DEATH. HAS HE DONE ANYTHING? I WANT TO KNOW WHY HE DID IT AT ALL . AND WE, GOD, COMES, AND HE BEGINS TO COMFORT US. BEGINS TO CHALLENGE US. HE BEGINS TO THE CONVICT US AND SAY YOU NEED ME. THAT'S ALL A PART OF WORSHIP. THAT'S ALL PART OF EXCEPTING TRUTHS AND THAT'S IS WORSHIP. LISTEN. WORSHIP HIM IN SPIRIT. YES GOD HAS WEIGHT BUT I WANT GOD TO HAVE MORE THAN WEIGHT. I WANT HIM TO HAVE PURPOSE. I WANT HIM TO FILL THOSE IN MOST NEEDS, THOSE THINGS THAT I CRY OUT FOR, AND THAT'S WHY SAID GOD THEY WORSHIP HIM IN TRUTH BUT THEY ALSO WORSHIP HIM IN SPIRIT. HAVE YOU FOUND HIM IN SPIRIT. MY OLDEST SON, HE SAID SOMETHING TO ME SOME YEARS BACK, I'LL NEVER FORGET -- HE SAID DEAD I'M TRYING TO LIVE THIS CHRISTIAN LIFE, BUT I'M LOOKING FOR IT TO BE REAL. I KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT IT, I'VE HEARD YOU PREACH, BUT WHEN DOES IT GET REAL; WHEN DO I FEEL THAT, WHEN AS PART OF MY LIFE, WHEN DOES IT AND MOVE ME AND MOTIVATE ME AND MOVE ME AND AHHHH THAT'S WHEN YOU'RE BEGINNING TO WORSHIP IN SPIRIT. THAT'S WHEN GOD BEGINS TO HAVE SUBSTANCE AND BEGINS TO HAVE WEIGHT. HE BEGINS TO HAVE MOVEMENT IN YOUR LIFE. I'VE TALKED TO YOU EARLIER ABOUT THE IDEA OF WORSHIPING MY WIFE. SHE HAS WEIGHT IN MY LIFE. IF I DO WRONG AND SHE FINDS OUT ABOUT IT, THERE'S A WHOLE LOT OF WEIGHT GOING ON. IF I DO SOMETHING I SHOULDN'T DO AND SHE'S STANDING THERE GOING -- -- I'M IN TROUBLE. NOW YOU GOTTA KNOW MY WIFE -- SHE DOESN'T MIX WORDS. WHAT YOU SEE IS WHAT YOU GET. BUT THERE'S ALSO THIS THING ABOUT HER THAT IN OUR RELATIONSHIP THERE IS A MOTIVATION FACTOR. THIS WILL PLEASE

HER. THIS WILL MAKE HER HAPPY. I DON'T DO IT BECAUSE I'M GOING TO GET IN TROUBLE. AS A MATTER OF FACT I COULD NOT DO IT AND IT WOULD BE ALL RIGHT. BUT THERE'S TIMES WHEN THAT THINKING ABOUT HER, HER HAVING WEIGHT, BEGINS TO TAKE CARE OF INNER -- -- THAT SOMETHING IN HER INSIDE OF ME SOMEBODY LOVES ME. SOMEBODY CARES ABOUT ME. AND BECAUSE THAT SOMEONE LOVES ME AND CARES ABOUT ME, MY LIFE BEGINS TO FEEL WHOLE. IT BEGINS TO FEEL COMPLETE. JESUS LOVES YOU. HE CARES ABOUT YOU. WORSHIP IS BASED ON THIS IDEA OF BECOMING ALIVE. TO BECOME ALIVE TO IT. ARE YOU ALIVE? TO BECOME DEAD TO SIN BUT THE BIBLE SAYS ALIVE TO CHRIST. ARE THERE THINGS YOU'RE ALIVE TO? OH, THERE'S THINGS I'M ALIVE TOO. I LOVE FOOD. I LOVE FOOD, AHHHH MAN. OH I LOVE FOOD, YOU CAN TELL. AND IT'S A MAJOR ADDICTION IN MY LIFE. THERE IT IS, RIGHT THERE ON THE FLOOR ALL. I LOVE FOOD. AND I'M TRYING TO LOSE WEIGHT BUT I LOVE FOOD SO MUCH. AND I TELL YOU WHAT I REALLY LIKE. I LIKE BURGER KING. I KNOW THAT SOUNDS STUPID. I LIKE BURGER KING. NOW I CAN GO TO WENDY'S BECAUSE THE FAMILY LIKES WENDY'S. WENDY'S -- GOT A SQUARE HAMBURGER, THAT'S JUST WRONG. YOU GO TO WENDY'S, ALL RIGHT. BUT THE ANGELS ARE SINGING. YOU OPEN UP THE DOOR, AND YOU HEAR THEM SAY JOHN, COME ON IN. THE LADY SAYS WHAT WILL YOU HAVE. AND I LOOK AT HER AS IF TO SAY THERE'S ONLY ONE THING. HAND ME A DOUBLE WHOPPER. THEY CONFUSE THE ISSUE WITH TWO OR THREE MORE PATTIES ON THERE. ALL A MAN NEEDS IS A DOUBLE. I'M SORRY. THERE HAS TO BE SOME LIMITATIONS IN THIS WORLD. DOUBLE WHOPPERS AND FRIES AND A DR. PEPPER. I'M PRETTY MUCH THERE FOR A WHILE. NOW THAT'S WORSHIP. YOU GOT MY IDEA? AT

THAT MOMENT IT HAS WEIGHT; IT HAS SUBSTANCE; IT'S OCCUPYING MY MIND; CONTROLLING MY THOUGHTS; MOVING ME TOWARD A DESTINY AND A PURPOSE. AND AS STUPID AS AN ILLUSTRATION AS THAT IS, DO YOU EVER HAVE MOMENTS WHEN JESUS IS DOING THAT IN YOU? WHEN YOU GET UP AND SAY GOTTA HAVE IT, GOTTA HAVE IT, WANT IT, NEED IT. THAT'S WORSHIPING IN SPIRIT. A LIFE CRYING OUT TO HIM.

A COUPLE THINGS I WANT TO SHARE WITH YOU BEFORE WE'RE DONE FOR THE DAY.

JEREMY IF YOU BRING IT UP. WORSHIP MUST BE BASED ON SPIRIT FILLED PASSION. WORSHIP SHOULD NOT BE BASED ON MAN'S PERSPECTIVE. MAN TURNS WORSHIP INTO RITUAL. MAN TURNS WORSHIP INTO DEAD RELIGIOUS PRACTICE. MAN TURNS THE WHERE OF WORSHIP INTO A PLACE. WELL I WOULD WORSHIP JESUS, BUT I AIN'T IN CHURCH. I'M NOT IN CHARGE SO I CAN'T WORSHIP. BOY, WHEN I GET TO CHURCH I PLAN ON HAVING A HOO DOWN WORSHIP WHEN I GET THERE. IF YOU WAIT TO GET HERE, YOU AIN'T EVER GOING TO GET THERE. I DON'T GET UP IN THE MORNING AND SAY SORRY, NOT WEDNESDAY, CAN'T HAVE A BURGER. THERE IS NO STOPPING BIG BOY WHEN BURGER KING IS CALLING. DON'T SAY, WELL I WOULD BUT I CAN ONLY GET IT AT BURGER KING. YOU GO GET IT; BRING IT TO MY HOUSE AND I'LL EAT IT. I PROMISE YOU.

ALL RIGHT. BUT THEY TURNED IT INTO A PLACE, A BUILDING, OR A MOUNTAIN. THAT'S WHAT THEY HAD DONE THERE. OH CAN I -- -- THEY SAY A MOUNTAIN HERE AND YOU SAY JERUSALEM THERE AND HE IS SAYING I'M TELLING YOU. FORGET ALL THAT. DON'T LET SOMEBODY LET YOU BUY INTO THAT MESS. DON'T LET SOMEBODY MAKE YOU SAY, WELL, WE REALLY

WORSHIP. LOOK AT OUR BUILDING. IT HELPS US WORSHIP SO MUCH BETTER. THAT'S HOGWASH. IT MAY MAKE YOU FEEL BETTER ABOUT YOURSELF BUT IT DOESN'T HELP YOU WORSHIP ANY BETTER. MAN TURNS WORSHIP INTO A PLACE. IT TURNS IT TURNS THE WHEN OF WORSHIP INTO A TIME. GOT A BE ON SUNDAY. GOTTA DO IT THEN, MAYBE WEDNESDAY IF YOU'RE LUCKY. IT'S ALL ABOUT SUNDAY. I WENT TO WORSHIP SERVICE TODAY. DID YOU DO IT? WHEN YOU WERE THERE, DID YOU OF AVAIL YOURSELF TO WORSHIP? YOU KNOW IF YOU'RE WAITING FOR ONE DAY TO DO IT, YOU'RE GOING TO BE PRETTY ANEMIC. WHAT IF YOU ONLY ATE ONE DAY A WEEK. WELL, I ONLY EAT ON SUNDAYS, PEOPLE ARE REALLY GOING TO SAY WELL, I DON'T REALLY WANT ANY OF THAT. AND YOU SAY I'M WORSHIPPING YOU ALL THE TIME. LISTEN -- MAN TURNS A HOW OF WORSHIP INTO A PERFORMANCE. WASN'T THE PREACHER GOOD? WASN'T THE MUSIC JUST WONDERFUL? WELL, DIDN'T GET ANYTHING OUT OF CHURCH TODAY. PREACHER WAS BORING. OH REALLY? PREACHER IS BORING. WELL I DIDN'T GET ANYTHING OUT OF -- WELL I WENT TO CHURCH TODAY AND THINGS JUST DIDN'T -- JUST DIDN'T FEEL LIKE IT DID LAST WEEK. THE MUSIC JUST WASN'T QUITE CLICKING. YOU DIDN'T GET ANYTHING OUT OF IT? MAYBE YOU DIDN'T BRING ANYTHING TO PUT IN. BECAUSE YOU GOTTA BRING SOMETHING TO PUT IT IN IF YOU WANT GOD TO FILL IT UP, YOU GOTTA BRING SOMETHING FOR HIM TO FILL UP. AND SOME OF US ARE SO CLOSED UP HE COULDN'T PUT IT IN THERE WITH A BLOWTORCH OR WHATEVER. ARE YOU OPENED UP TO WHAT GOD'S GOING TO DO? MAN ONE OF THE THINGS I LOVE ABOUT MORE 2 LIFE IS SOME PEOPLE KIND OF HAVE THAT. OLD JAMES MAN, ROCKING AND

ROLLING. YOU SAY WELL JAMES YOU KNOW HE'S KIND OF OUT THERE. YOU KNOW WHAT? NO NO -- NOT ABOUT YOU. (LAUGHTER)

LISTEN TO ME CAREFULLY. JAMES SHOULD NOT BE SETTING THE STANDARD. DO YOU HEAR WHAT I'M SAYING? JAMES SHOULD NOT BE SETTING THE STANDARD HERE. I LOVE JAMES. WE SHOULD SET THE STANDARD. THE ADULTS WHO HAVE BEEN IN JESUS FOR A LONG TIME, WE SHOULD SET THE STANDARD. WE SHOULD BE THE ONES TO SAY THAT'S WHAT WORSHIP IS. THAT'S WHAT -- -- JAMES IS A GOOD GUY, I LOVE HIM. WE SHOULD BE SETTING THE STANDARDS. WE MAKE WORSHIP A PERFORMANCE. WE COME AND WE ENJOY BUT WE MAKE THE WHY OF WORSHIP -- THE WHO OF WORSHIP INTO A PERSON. WHILE I LIKE THE PREACHER. I LIKE THAT OF EVANGELIST. I LIKE THAT FAITH HEALER. THEY AIN'T GOING TO GET YOU TO HEAVEN FOLKS. DON'T BE FOLLOWING SOMEONE WHO CAN'T TEACH YOU TO WEAR -- YOU NEED TO FOLLOW JESUS. IF THEY ARE FOLLOWING JESUS, THEN GET IN THERE AND WALK TOGETHER. BUT DON'T PUT ALL YOUR HOPES AND DREAMS AND THE PREACHER. DON'T PUT ALL YOUR HOPES AND DREAMS ALL ON EVANGELISTS. LISTEN WHEN JIMMY SWAGGART HAD HIS PROBLEMS IN LIFE -- WHEN MANY OF THESE OTHER PREACHER'S FALL -- MANY OTHER PEOPLE SAY WELL I'LL SEE, THEY ARE ALL FAKES. LET ME JUST TELL YOU ABOUT PREACHERS. IF IT WASN'T FOR THE GRACE OF GOD, HE'D BE BETTER OFF USING A DOG OR A CAT. WE GOT MESS IN OUR LIVES. YOU START FOLLOWING A PREACHER, YOU FOLLOW US LONG ENOUGH, AND YOU'RE GOING TO SAY MAN, WHO LET THEM UP THERE? WE LET IT BECOME A PERSON. WE LET THE WHY OF WORSHIP BECOME A PERSONAL ATTAINMENT. YES, I WORSHIP. I'M RATHER

GOOD AT WORSHIPING. I COME TO THAT CHURCH AND I RAISE MY HANDS ON SUNDAY. I SING THE SONGS WITH THE PRAISE TEAM. I'M A GOOD WORSHIPER. I'M RATHER PROUD OF MYSELF. I WORSHIP. KIND OF DON'T UNDERSTAND THOSE OTHER CHURCHES WHO DON'T RAISE THEIR HANDS AND SING PRAISE SONGS. IT COULDN'T BE WORSHIPING AS WE WORSHIP. FEEL BAD FOR THOSE PEOPLE. PRAY THAT ONE DAY THEY'LL RAISE THEIR HANDS. FOLKS, PLEASE! DON'T EVER GET INTO THAT MENTALITY THAT WORSHIP -- YOU KNOW -- WE HAVE A CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP HERE. WE DO IT FOR A REASON. IT IS A TOOL TO ACCOMPLISH A GOAL THAT WE FELT GOD SET THIS CHURCH OUT TO BE TO REACH PEOPLE THAT WERE UNCHURCHED; TO REACH PEOPLE THAT WERE LOOKING FOR A CERTAIN TYPE OF THING. WE DIDN'T CHOOSE CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP BECAUSE WE THOUGHT IT WAS BETTER THEN THE OTHER. WE DIDN'T CHOOSE THE STYLE BECAUSE WE THOUGHT WE WERE SUPERIOR TO THE OTHER. WE CHOSE THIS STYLE BECAUSE WE FELT GOD SAID YOU DO THIS HERE BECAUSE THERE IS A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF PEOPLE YOU CAN REACH WITH THIS. IT'S A TOOL. NEVER LET YOURSELF WALK OUT OF THE CHURCH AND SAY, WELL WE'RE BETTER THAN THE REST OF THE CHURCHES. NO NO NO NO NO. WE'RE JUST OUT THERE WITH THE OTHER ONES TRYING TO BRING PEOPLE TO JESUS.

NEXT ONE. LISTEN -- WORSHIP SHOULD BE BASED ON THE MESSIAH PERSPECTIVE. CHRIST TRANSFORMS WORSHIP INTO A RELATIONSHIP. CHRIST TRANSFORMS A WORSHIP INTO AN AWAKENING. TO BE AWAKENED; TO SUDDENLY SEE THINGS HOW THEY REALLY ARE; TO GET A GLIMPSE AT WHAT REALLY IS GOING ON. THAT 'A HA' MOMENT, WHEN IT REALLY BEGINS TO MAKE SENSE. WHEN IT ALL BEGINS TO GO TOGETHER. WHEN ALL

OF THE TRUTHS AND THE THINGS YOU'VE BEEN LEARNING SUDDENLY BEGAN TO MAKE SENSE AND A WORLD VIEW BEGINS TO COME INTO YOUR MIND THAT REALLY BEGINS TO PUT THE WORLD INTO PERSPECTIVE AND FINALLY YOU CAN SEE WHAT YOU COULD NEVER SEE BEFORE. THINGS THAT DIDN'T MAKE SENSE. TIMES WHEN GOD SEEMED CRUEL. TIME WHEN IT AND NEVER SEEM TO GO TOGETHER. TIME WHEN LIFE DIDN'T BEGIN TO KEEP GOING THE WAY WE WANTED. I DON'T THINK MIKE GEHRING WOULD MIND ME SHARING BEST. MIKE GEHRING CAME TO ME AFTER THE FIRST SERVICE AND SAID YOU KNOW, -- MIKE AND GINA'S BABY DIED. THEY LOST A BABY. HE SAID IT DAWNED ON ME, THAT WHAT SEEMED LIKE A TERRIBLE THING, -- IT WAS LIKE AN AWAKENING TO THEM. GOD USED THIS TO BRING ME BACK TO HIMSELF. TO BRING MY WIFE TO HIM. AND ALL THAT GOD DOES IS RIGHT AND IS GOOD FOR THE WORLD. THAT'S AN AWAKENING. WHEN YOU DON'T SHAKE YOUR FIST AT GOD AND SAY, HOW DARE YOU! WHEN YOU OPEN UP YOUR PALMS AND SAY THANK YOU. THANK YOU. GOD TURNS WORSHIP INTO AN AWAKENING BECAUSE NOW YOU KNOW HIM. PEOPLE THAT YOU DIDN'T UNDERSTAND BEFORE, YOU NOW UNDERSTAND THEM. PEOPLE YOU DIDN'T HAVE A RELATIONSHIP WITH BEFORE, NOW YOU HAVE A RELATIONSHIP. AND NOW THE PEOPLE YOU DIDN'T REALLY LIKE -- NOW THAT YOU GOT TO KNOW THEM -- HAVE YOU EVER HAD SOMEBODY YOU DIDN'T LIKE UNTIL YOU GOT TO KNOW THEM? WHEN I FIRST MET MY WIFE, FIRST SAW HER -- I GOT TO TELL YOU THIS. THE FIRST TIME I EVER SAW MY WIFE WAS AT COLLEGE. AND SHE WAS GOING OUT DATING SOMEBODY ELSE. BOY SHE WAS A LOOKER. AND I LOOKED OVER THERE AND SHE HAD THIS BABY BLUE DRESS ON WITH HIS HAT. SHE WALKED OUT OF THAT THING AND

SHE TIPPED HER HEAD AND I SAID POOH-POOHED, WELL, AREN'T YOU SOMEBODY. MS. SNOBBY, MS. STUCK UP. PROBABLY WOULDN'T DATE ME EVEN IF I ASKED YOU. SHE DID. NOW THAT I KNOW HER, SHE'S SO FAR FROM THAT. IT'S A RELATIONSHIP THAT YOU BEGIN TO SAY OH GOD I NEEDED YOU. I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND. AND NOW I SEE, AND I REALIZE YOUR HAND IS LOVE. YOUR MIND IS GRACE. YOUR PURPOSE IS RESTORATION AND RECONCILIATION. WHAT A GOD. LISTEN -- CHRIST TRANSFORMS THE WHERE OF WORSHIP INTO A HEART THAT LONGS FOR HIM. THE WHY OF WORSHIP INTO NEVER ENDING INTIMACY. THE HOW OF WORSHIP INTO DEEP CALLING TO DEEP. JOHN, I DON'T UNDERSTAND THIS. LET ME SEE IF I CAN EXPLAIN IT TO YOU. MEN -- LET ME SEE THE MARRIED MEN IN HERE. OKAY LET ME SEE THE MARRIED WOMEN. LET ME SEE IF YOU'RE SITTING TOGETHER. EVER BEEN RIDING IN A CAR KNOW BETTER THAN THAT. EVER BEEN IN A SITUATION WHERE YOU'RE SITTING WITH A GROUP OF PEOPLE AND SOMEBODY'S TALKING AND YOU JUST HAPPEN TO LOOK AT EACH OTHER AND YOU KNOW WHAT THEY'RE THINKING. YOU KNOW. AN EYEBROW IS RAISED, THE HEAD GOES DOWN, AND DEEP CALLS TO DEEP. YOU KNOW. NO WORD IS SPOKEN. YOU JUST KNOW. THAT'S WHAT IT MEANS WHEN DEEP CALLS TO DEEP. OH, LISTEN WHEN YOU GET TO THE POINT OF WORSHIP WHEN DEEP CALLS TO DEEP. AND SOMEBODY SAYS HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT? I DON'T KNOW HOW I KNOW IT, I JUST KNOW IT. SOMEBODY SAYS WHERE DID YOU GET THAT SCRIPTURE AND YOU GO AND YOU SAY THIS AND I CAN SHOW YOU THAT IN SCRIPTURE BUT I CAN TELL YOU THERE IS SOMETHING DEEPER THAT'S CALLING THAT LETS ME KNOW. SCRIPTURE JUST AFFIRMS A TRUTH THAT'S ALREADY BEEN REVEALED TO ME. THAT'S

DEEP CALLING TO DEEP. THAT'S WHEN CHRISTIANITY TAKES ON A WHOLE OTHER THING. THAT'S WHEN THEN MOVES YOUR LIFE, IT GUIDES IT. IT DIRECTS IT. YOU NEVER WALK AWAY WHEN DEEP CALLS TO DEEP. NO ONE WHO HAS EVER HAD A MOMENT WHEN DEEP CALLS TO DEEP HAS WALKED AWAY FROM JESUS. EVER. OH IT MAY BE A MOMENTARY MOMENT, BUT WHEN YOU'VE HAD THAT MOMENT WHEN DEEP CALLS TO DEEP, YOU'LL NEVER WALK AWAY FROM THAT. NEVER! FILLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. THE WHO OF WORSHIP INTO JESUS, THE LOVER OF OUR SOUL. THE WHY OF WORSHIP INTO A REASON FOR LIVING. RESULTING IN A PASSION FOR GOD.

I'VE GOT TO TELL YOU ABOUT WORSHIPING WELL AND I'M DONE. SISTER -- I FOUND OUT WHAT HER NAME WAS. SISTER MARY LAVERNE. SOME TIME BACK -- LORI, YOU REMEMBER SISTER LAVERNE? YOU'LL REMEMBER THIS IN A MINUTE. WE HAD THIS DEAR BLACK LADY COME TO OUR HOUSE AND RING THE DOORBELL. IT WAS SISTER LAVERNE. WOW! I WALKED UP AND OPENED THE DOOR AND THERE SAT SISTER LAVERNE. SHE SAID I KNOW YOU DON'T KNOW ME, AND I DON'T KNOW YOU, AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU BELIEVE, BUT I AM HERE TODAY JUST TO TESTIFY TO JESUS. AND SHE BEGAN TO TELL ME HOW GREAT JESUS WAS. AND THIS IS A WOMAN WHO DEEP HAD CALLED TO DEEP. AND I SAID SISTER -- I WAS SO EXCITED. I SAID I'M A PASTOR. AND SHE GRABBED MY HAND. SHE BEGAN TO PRAY FOR ME AND LORI CAME UP ABOUT THAT TIME. AND WHEN LORI CAME OUT, SHE JUST TOOK HER HAND AND POP, RIGHT ON LORI'S HEAD AND SHE BEGAN TO PRAY. SISTER LAVERNE. WOW! GOD GIVE US MORE SISTER LAVERNE'S. WHAT A POWERHOUSE OF A LADY. LIFTED MY SPIRITS AND I THOUGHT TO MYSELF LORD MAKE ME MORE LIKE SISTER LAVERNE. MY

GOAL FOR YOU TODAY IS TO SAY THIS. LET US BE PEOPLE WHO WORSHIP WELL. LET US BE PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT UNDERCOVER CHRISTIANS BUT WORSHIP WITH THE PASSION THAT CRY OUT TO OTHERS, I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE AND YOU DON'T KNOW WHO I AM BUT I GOT TO TELL YOU THERE IS A GOD AND HE LOVES ME AND I LOVE HIM. THERE IS A CHRIST. AND I'LL NEVER FORGET AS SISTER LAVERNE LEFT, SHE WAS SINGING A SONG. HEADED TO THE NEXT HOUSE. AND I HEARD HER RING THE DOORBELL AND I SAW THAT MAN COME OUT. HE HAD NO IDEA THAT SISTER LAVERNE HAD ARRIVED. I REALLY SHOULD HAVE JUST FOLLOWED HER. I COULD JUST SEE OTHER CHRISTIANS WHEN THEY -- JUST LIKE THE PIED PIPER AND I SHOULD HAVE FOLLOWED HER. AND THEN ANOTHER CHRISTIAN, MAYBE 30 OF US. MAN THAT WOULD HAVE MADE A DIFFERENCE.

WE WORSHIP HERE SO WELL. PEOPLE ARE SMILING AND ENJOYING; SINGING PRAISES. MANY HANDS ARE RAISED TO THE LORD. LEAVE THIS PLACE WITH THAT SAME EXUBERANCE. FOR CHRIST IS SEEKING -- THE FATHER OF CHRIST SAID -- IS SEEKING SUCH OF THOSE TO WORSHIP. FOLLOW HIM. FOLLOW HIM.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING. WE DO GET TIED UP WITH A LOT OF MESS WHEN WE GET INTO CHRISTMAS. LET ME ENCOURAGE YOU, STRONGLY. THIS IS SOMETHING IMPORTANT TO ME AND I WANT TO SHARE IT WITH YOU. QUIT MAKING CHRISTMAS A HOLIDAY AND MAKE IT A HOLY DAY. NOTHING WRONG WITH THE PRESENCE OF THE TREES. I HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH THAT. SOMEONE WOULD RAIL AGAINST THEM. THAT'S NOT A PROBLEM. THE PROBLEM IS WHEN WE PUT JESUS IN THE BACKGROUND PUT ALL OF IT IN FRONT. MAKE IT A HOLY DAY. YOU KNOW WHAT, THE WORLD IS SAYING WE

CAN'T SAY CHRISTMAS ANYMORE. WHEN DEEP CALLS TO DEEP, YOU CAN CALL IT WHATEVER YOU WANT. DOESN'T MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE. THERE IS A GOD. HAS DEEP CALLED TO DEEP TODAY? HE HAS. DOES ANY OF YOU KNOW JESUS TODAY, AND IF YOU DON'T KNOW JESUS TODAY, I WISH YOU'D COME AND FIND THE CHRIST I'M TALKING ABOUT. FOR DEEP HAS CALLED TO DEEP IN MY LIFE. AND I'LL NEVER GO BACK. AND I PRAY YOU'LL FIND THAT SAME TRUTH TODAY. IF YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT CHRIST, WE HAVE A LOT OF GOOD MEN WHO CAN SHARE WITH YOU. OUR PASTOR CAREY, OUR ELDERS WHO ARE HERE. THERE ARE MANY HERE WHO WOULD LOVE NOTHING BETTER THAN TO SHARE JESUS WITH YOU. DON'T LEAVE HERE WITHOUT CHRIST. LET DEEP CALL TO DEEP AND CHANGE EVERYTHING. LET'S PRAY.