

Bible Study
I WILL- Lesson 5
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DISCOVERING MY PARTICIPATION IN WORSHIP

John 4:21-26

The greatest division in the church stems from the approach to worship. Many people's choice for a house of worship and even their ability to worship is contingent on style. If a church is too quiet some people feel they cannot worship. If a church is too noisy another group may feel that they cannot worship.

For many Christians, other activities are primary while the worship service has become an optional afterthought. Corporate worship should not be an option but it should be a consistent and persistent practice of all believers. We go to church to worship the one true God as we serve alongside other Christians. Corporate worship should not be a legalistic religious practice but a loving relationship.

In His conversation with a Samaritan woman Jesus said that true worshippers will worship God in Spirit and truth. Let me share with you three things that would enhance our participation in corporate worship.

- I. Our Attendance in Worship.
 - A. Our commitment to the Savior (priority)
 - B. Our commitment to serving others (practice)
- II. Our Attitude in Worship.
 - A. Know whom you are worshipping (spirit)
 - B. Know why you are worshipping (truth)
- III. Our Affirmation for Worship.
 - A. Realize the presence of God (enjoy)
 - B. Realize the power of God (encourage)