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DAVID THE WORSHIPER

2 Samuel 6:1-12

5 David and all the people of Israel were celebrating before the Lord, singing songs and playing all kinds of musical instruments—lyres, harps, tambourines, castanets, and cymbals. **2 Samuel 6:5 NLT**

14 And David danced before the Lord with all his might, wearing a priestly garment. 15 So David and all the people of Israel brought up the Ark of the Lord with shouts of joy and the blowing of rams' horns. **2 Samuel 6:14-15 NLT**

THE PSALMS GIVE US A PICTURE OF DAVID'S HEART TOWARDS WORSHIP.

- **David is traditionally credited with writing <u>73 to 75</u> psalms out of the 150 in the book of Psalms.**

DAVID DESIRED GOD'S PRESENCE MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE.

1 O God, you are my God; I earnestly search for you. My soul thirsts for you; my whole body longs for you in this parched and weary land where there is no water. 2 I have seen you in your sanctuary and gazed upon your power and glory. 3 Your unfailing love is better than life itself; how I praise you! 4 I will praise you as long as I live, lifting up my hands to you in prayer. 5 You satisfy me more than the richest feast. I will praise you with songs of joy. **Psalm 63:1-5 NLT**

- **David wrote this Psalm while in the wilderness of Judah.**
- **His physical surroundings were <u>barren</u>, but his spiritual hunger was <u>strong</u>.**
- **Worship is more than a song we sing or feelings we feel.**
- **It is a life <u>surrendered</u> to God.**
- **Worship is about <u>who God is</u>!**
  - **He is <u>worthy</u>!**

DAVID CHOSE TO WORSHIP GOD REGARDLESS OF HIS CIRCUMSTANCES.

1 I will praise the Lord at all times. I will constantly speak his praises. 2 I will boast only in the Lord; let all who are helpless take heart. 3 Come, let us tell of the Lord's greatness; let us exalt his name together. **Psalm 34:1-3 NLT**

- **Worship is not dependent on how <u>we feel</u>.**
- **Worship is a daily decision, not just a <u>Sunday experience</u>.**
- **David invited others to <u>join him</u> in magnifying the Lord.**

DAVID UNDERSTOOD THAT REMEMBERING GOD'S GOODNESS PRODUCES GENUINE WORSHIP.

1 Let all that I am praise the Lord; with my whole heart, I will praise his holy name. 2 Let all that I am praise the Lord; may I never forget the good things he does for me. 3 He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases. 4 He redeems me from death and crowns me with love and tender mercies. 5 He fills my life with good things. My youth is renewed like the eagle's! **Psalm 103:1-5 NLT**

- **Remember His <u>forgiveness</u>.**
- **Remember His <u>healing and mercy</u>.**
- **Remember His <u>redemption</u>.**
- **Remember His <u>unfailing love</u>.**

DAVID'S PRAISE WAS BOTH PERSONAL AND PUBLIC.

1 I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all the marvelous things you have done. 2 I will be filled with joy because of you. I will sing praises to your name, O Most High. **Psalm 9:1-2 NLT**

- **He praised God with his <u>whole heart</u>.**
- **He <u>testified</u> about God's wonderful works.**
- **He did not allow what <u>others' thought</u> to rob him of worship.**

TOTAL <u>SURRENDER</u> IS TRUE WORSHIP

1 And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. 2 Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect. **Romans 12:1-2 NLT**