

# HOMECELL NOTES

## WORSHIP GOD IF YOU WANT THE BEST

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### WELCOME

Welcome all members who are joining the Homecell online.

### WORSHIP

Challenge cell members to spend a few minutes in Worship before your ZOOM/Online Homecell starts. This will create the right atmosphere for your time together.

### WORD

#### ***Psalm 34:9 MSG***

*Worship GOD if you want the best; worship opens doors to all his goodness.*

In last Sunday's message Ps Aiden explained the essence and importance of worshipping God. This lockdown has been challenging for all of us, but one thing church lockdown has stolen from so many of us is our **worship** - it shifted our focus from what was happening **through us** to what was happening **to us**.

We are going to reflect on the Psalmist view of worship by unpacking Psalm 34:7.

#### **1. Worship unfit**

##### **Psalm 34:1 MSG**

*I bless GOD every chance I get; my lungs expand with his praise.*

- Too many of us are not worship fit – our lungs haven't expanded with His praises as often as they should.

#### **2. Corporate worship IS important**

##### **Psalm 34:2-3 NKJV**

*My soul shall make its boast in the Lord; The humble shall hear of it and be glad. Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together.*

- We are NOT meant to worship God in isolation – we need to magnify Jesus together.
- We need to get our hearts back to corporate worship (*Acts 2:46-47 MSG*)

#### **3. Worship frees us from anxiety**

##### **Psalm 34:4 MSG**

*GOD met me more than halfway, he freed me from my anxious fears.*

- We need to learn to bring our anxious fears and anxiety to Him.
- When we worship Him – He frees us from our fears.

#### **4. Worship reveals our true feelings to God**

##### **Psalm 34:5 MSG**

*Look at him; give him your warmest smile. Never hide your feelings from him.*

- God is after our heart's – our true feelings.
- Religion teaches us what NOT to do; while relationship gives us freedom of expression.
- God is with you where you are – you can't flee from His presence so express your true emotions to Him by your worship. (*Psalm 139:7-8 NKJV*)

## 5. Worship allows us to cry out to God

### **Psalm 34:6 MSG**

*When I was desperate, I called out, and GOD got me out of a tight spot.*

- Worship gets you out of a tight spot – it's not wrong to be fearful BUT it is wrong to stay in fear.
- When you are fearful – seek His Kingdom FIRST (2 Chronicles 20:1-3 NKJV)

## 6. Worship positions us for Heaven's protection

### **Psalm 34:7 MSG**

*GOD's angel sets up a circle of protection around us while we pray.*

- We need to position ourselves in worship to enable Heaven's protection (2 Chronicles 20:16-17 NKJV).
- When we seek God, He will provide us with wisdom and a strategy to overcome.
- When we worship God angels are activated and they begin to move.

## 7. Worship reminds us of God's goodness

### **Psalm 34:8-9 MSG**

*Open your mouth and taste, open your eyes and see- how good GOD is. Blessed are you who run to him. Worship GOD if you want the best; worship opens doors to all his goodness.*

- Worship God by sharing your testimony of His goodness – when last have you shared your testimony?

## 8. Worship fills the void that life can not

### **Psalm 34:10 MSG**

*Young lions on the prowl get hungry, but GOD-seekers are full of God.*

- Many Christians are like young lions – always prowling and never satisfied.
- We need to position ourselves in worship to receive the fullness of God.

### **Psalm 42:1-2 NLT**

*"As the deer longs for streams of water, so I long for you, O God. [2] I thirst for God, the living God. When can I go and stand before him?"*

- When we don't worship God we become **spiritually dehydrated**.
- We must come back to the place of thirsting for His presence.

### **Psalm 52:6-9 MSG**

*"[9] I thank you always that you went into action. And I'll stay right here, your good name my hope, in company with your faithful friends.?"*

- The call for corporate worship is serious – we need to stand together with our faithful friends.
- When we live and speak worship; others will seek Him.

**Q: ARE YOU READY TO EXERCISE YOURSELF BACK TO WORSHIP FITNESS IN GOD'S PRESENCE EVERY WEEK IN CHURCH?**

**Worship God is you want the best!**

## WORKS

As a Homecell, identify the most pressing needs (among people in your immediate world) that should be addressed a.s.a.p. (include the following: food needs, people who are staying alone, marriage challenges, financial needs, business/career needs, emotional needs etc.) As a Homecell, how can you assist in meeting some of these needs?

