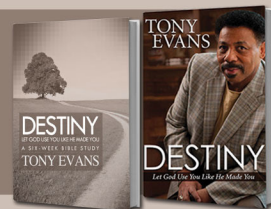


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SUGGESTED PASSAGE: Romans 12:1-2 (NASB)

1 Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

MESSAGE GOAL:

This sermon will help people understand how worship aligns us with God so we can discover our destiny.

INTRODUCTION:

There was a businessman who had a demanding day ahead of him and was already late for work. He turned on the car, put it in reverse, and punched the button on the garage door opener. Nothing happened. He hit it again and again, a little harder each time. Still nothing. I've got to get out of this garage and make it to work in time for my big meeting, he thought. Frustrated, he put the car in park, pulled out his cell phone and called the garage door repairman.

When the repairman answered the phone, the businessman explained the situation and begged for help. "I can't get to my destination because I'm stuck in my garage."

The garage door repairman told the businessman to walk over to the garage door and find what looked like canisters at the bottom left and bottom right of the door. So the business man found the canisters. The repairman asked, "Are the red lights at the center of the canisters pointed exactly at each other?" The business man noticed that the red lights in one of the canisters were not in alignment. The repairman said, "That's your problem. When the red lights are not in perfect alignment, the door can't receive the signal to open." After the business man shifted the canister a little bit, the red lights matched up, the door opened, and he was off to tackle his busy day.

One of the reasons that people have trouble finding their destiny is because they are out of alignment with God—the only one who can give them their destiny. If Christians live misaligned lives, we won't get His signal. Let's examine how worship can get us into alignment with God and get God's message about our destiny.

SERMON POINTS:

1. YOU RECEIVE YOUR DESTINY THROUGH WORSHIPING GOD

- You will receive your personal destiny as you connect with God through worship. Destiny always starts with the place of God in our lives. If we want to find our destinies, God must occupy the central place in our hearts, minds, motivations, and actions. (Deuteronomy 6:5)
 - The Lord spoke to the apostles and set Paul and Barnabas apart for His purpose while the apostles were worshiping the Lord. (Acts 13:2-3)
 - God often gives Christians guidance as they practice spiritual disciplines, including worship, fasting, and prayer 9:3 9:3-6; 22:6-10
- Worship is positioning yourself in alignment with God so you can hear from Him
 - When you worship God, you acknowledge who He is, what He has done, and what you trust Him to do in the future.
 - When you abide in God's presence each day, He speaks.
 - The Lord wants to give you guidance, but you must remain in a position to hear Him.

2. YOU WILL HEAR GOD'S DIRECTION WHEN YOU WORSHIP

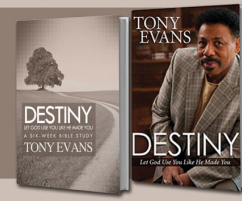
- When your inner ear is in tune with God, you can hear the voice of the Holy Spirit guiding you.
- To get back into alignment with God, we must begin living in submission to God, which is our daily act of worship. Then we will be able to understand God's perfect will and see His will being worked out in our lives. (Romans 12:1-2)

3. THE HOLY SPIRIT PLAYS A CENTRAL ROLE IN YOUR WORSHIP AND DESTINY

- King David fulfilled his God-given purpose and impacted others.
- The Holy Spirit helps you understand God's Word and its application for your life so you can see God moving in your life. (John 14:26)
- As the Holy Spirit works in your lives, you will

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begin to worship God and position yourself in close proximity to Him.

- As you worship God, the Spirit will help you to trust God's sovereign control over your life.
- The Holy Spirit will direct you in the way you should go by using your gifts, talents, passions, and experiences.

SERMON ILLUSTRATIONS:

HEARING GOD'S DIRECTION THROUGH WORSHIP:

Everyone who has a TV probably has a satellite dish of some sort. When the dish picks up the frequency, you get a picture and you can see your favorite TV show clearly. But when the signal is interrupted, though the signal has been sent, your dish doesn't pick it up. And you can't see anything on your TV. Likewise, God wants to give you the next steps toward your destiny. But He wants to know that you're in a place to receive His message. That means you must remove yourself from the static of this world order, from people who deny the spiritual framework of biblical truth – from materialism, distraction, and busyness.

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"When we abide in His presence, He speaks."

"God wants to show you the next steps toward your destiny, but He wants to know that you're in a place to hear Him speak."

"You must remove yourself from the static of this world order."

"You can't have clarity from heaven if you're listening to voices on earth."

"Many people don't understand or are confused about the ministry of the Holy Spirit. His job is not only to teach the Word, it's to lead us in its application in our lives."

"Don't just go to church. Go to worship."

"Stay close to Him. Keep ministering to Him. He knows exactly where He's taking you."

