



2026 Focus: Rooted, Ready, Resilient

Jeremiah 17:7-8

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Passionate Worship

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Worship: *To ascribe worth to God, to honor Him for who He is and respond appropriately*

Goal: *To help believers experience worship that roots them in God, prepares them for life, strengthens resilience, and connects them to one another as the Body of Christ.*

“Worship is the total response of a believer, heart, mind, and life, fully surrendered to God, expressed through praise, obedience, and daily living.”

Jeremiah 17:7-8 describes a believer who is: **Rooted** in trust, **Ready** for heat and **Resilient** in drought. Passionate worship is one of God’s primary tools to form these qualities in us and to form us together into the Body of Christ.

People are genuinely searching for a faith community that is authentic, alive, and creative. Passionate worship connects people to God and to one another.

I. Passionate Worship and Radical Hospitality go hand in hand

“Passionate worship is an outgrowth of radical hospitality. In worship, we gather consciously in obedience to God ([Hebrews 10:24–25](#); [Psalm 95:1–2](#)), and eagerly as the Body of Christ, with the expectation of encountering God through singing, prayer, and Scripture, and responding to Him in ways that allow Him to shape our lives.

“ Radical Hospitality sets the stage for Passionate Worship. We enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise. As [Psalm 100](#) reminds us, worship is not about squeezing God into our lives; it is about becoming more and more a part of who God is.

“To understand the true meaning of worship, we must look beyond what we see people do, and see through the eyes of faith, what God is doing.”

God uses worship to:

- transform lives

- heal wounded souls
- renew hope
- shape decisions
- provoke change
- inspire compassion
- bind believers to one another
- prepare them to serve their neighbors

“Then we go back into our community more spiritually aware and more prepared to represent the hope that’s in God and become ambassadors of His grace.”

Worship was the reason given for why God liberated the Hebrew people from Egypt in [Exodus 3:12](#) and [Exodus 8:1](#). Worship reveals our devotion, our honor, and our love for God.

II. ROOTED: Worship Deepens Our Trust In God

[Jeremiah 17:7](#)- **“Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord...”** Passionate Worship helps people experience God in a way that anchors their faith.

Passionate Worship does three things:

- Worship re-centers us on God - [Psalm 16:8](#) (“I keep my eyes on the Lord...”)
- Worship grounds us in truth - [John 4:24](#) (“Worship in spirit and truth.”)
- Worship strengthens our spiritual roots - [Colossians 2:6–7](#) (“Rooted and built up in Him...”)

A. Tangible Actions

- Prepare for worship – [Psalm 24:3-4](#), [1 John 1:9](#)
- Participate fully – [Psalm 34:3](#), [Psalm 150:6](#)
- Remember God’s Instructions to you – [Psalm 100](#)
- Practice daily worship

B. Tangible Results

- Experience the peace of God
- Clearer sense of God’s presence
- Stronger trust in God
- Less drifting away from God

III. READY: Worship Prepares Us for Life’s Heat

Jeremiah 17:8- **"...it does not fear when heat comes..."** Passionate Worship is expectant. It prepares us to meet God and face life with courage. 2 Timothy 1:7

Passionate Worship makes us ready in three ways:

- Worship fills our spiritual tank - Isaiah 40:31 ("They that wait on the Lord shall renew their strength...")
- Worship trains our hearts for faith, not fear - Psalm 27:1 ("The Lord is my light...Whom shall I fear?")
- Worship equips us for the week ahead - Ephesians 6:10 ("Be strong in the Lord...")

A. Tangible Actions

- Arrive early
- Bring a Bible or journal
- Invite someone
- Serve in worship

B. Tangible Results

- More confidence
- More hope
- Stronger sense of purpose
- More engaged worship

IV. RESILIENT: Worship Sustains Us In Drought

Jeremiah 17:8- **"...it has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit."** Passionate Worship produces **spiritual stamina** and **endurance**.

Passionate worship builds resilience in four ways:

- Worship reminds us of God's faithfulness - Lamentations 3:22-23 ("Great is Your faithfulness...")
- Worship strengthens us emotionally and spiritually - Nehemiah 8:10 ("The joy of the Lord is your strength.")
- Worship helps us bounce back - 2 Corinthians 4:8-9 ("Pressed but not crushed...")
- Worship keeps our hearts soft - Ezekiel 36:26 ("I will give you a new heart...")

A. Tangible Actions

- Focus on the words of the songs
- Practice gratitude
- Share your testimony
- Stay consistent in worship

B. Tangible Results

- Faster recovery in difficult seasons
- Greater peace
- More spiritual fruit
- Stronger awareness of God

IV. PASSIONATE WORSHIP; Connects Believers to Each Other

Worship does not just connect us to God, it connects us to one another.

Passionate Worship creates a **shared spiritual experience** that binds believers together and forms us into the Body of Christ.

Passionate Worship builds community in four ways:

- Worship unites our hearts -**Psalm 133:1** ("How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity.")
- Worship helps us carry one another's burdens -**Galatians 6:2**
- Worship forms us into one body -**1 Corinthians 12:12-14**
- Worship creates belonging -**Romans 12:5** ("We are one body... and members of one another.")

A. Worship Turns a Group into the Body of Christ

- From crowd → **congregation**
- From congregation → **community**

B. Tangible Actions

- Practice radical hospitality
- Share your testimony
- Pray with someone
- Sit with someone new

C. Tangible Results

- Stronger relationships
 - Greater unity
 - Deeper sense of belonging
 - A church that feels like family
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- ❖ **ROOTED** – Worship anchors us in trust and truth
 - ❖ **READY** – Worship prepares us to face life with faith
 - ❖ **RESILIENT** – Worship sustains us through every season