

The Story

Chapter 8 – A Story Filled with Passion (Worship & Prayer)

Class Notes

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1 The Necessity of Passion

- Every good story is driven by _____ characters.

- (Dictionary Definition) Passion = any powerful or compelling desire or emotion.

- There is no story without _____.

- The Two “Greatest Commandments” point to necessity of spiritual passion (**Mark 12:29-31; Matthew 22:36-40**).

- The sign of your passion for the Lord and His Kingdom is a _____ of passionate worship.

- Our passion in personal and corporate worship will fuel our faith to see God’s goodness manifest in every arena of life.

2 The Heart of Worship

- **Read John 4:19-24 (ESV).**

- Jesus’ conversation with the “Samaritan Woman” is critical for our understanding of _____ in modern times.

- The “Samaritan Woman” sees worship in terms of _____ and _____.

- Jesus prophetically reduces all worship to two words: _____ and _____.
 - See **Hebrews 4:12-13**.

- Worship gives God opportunity to meet you where you are.

- Worship and passion go hand in hand...they fuel a life that breaks down _____.

3 **How do we elevate our commitment to growing in true Kingdom worship...and ultimately our passion for the Lord?**

- Create a “_____.”
 - **Matthew 6:6 (ESV) — 6** But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.
- Develop a greater reality of God’s presence through personal worship _____.
- Allow worship to reveal and raise the level of _____ in your heart. (**Hebrews 4:12-13**)
- Connect with the Holy Spirit’s _____ within you at a deeper level.
 - Read **Romans 8:18-27**.

4 **Corporate prayer and worship**

- Corporate prayer and worship have a broader and larger _____ than our personal devotions.
- Worship promotes supernatural _____ and _____.
- Consider **Ephesians 4:11; 1 Corinthians 12:4-7; Romans 12:6-8**.
 - Leadership
 - Supernatural Ministry
 - Service
- When we’re all worshipping in our unique ways (leading, serving, praying for one another, and reaching out to those around us), we are creating opportunities for God’s Spirit to touch a life.
 - **Romans 12:11 (ESV) — 11** Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord.
 - **Colossians 3:23–24 (ESV) — 23** Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, **24** knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.

5 **The Importance of Praying in the Holy Spirit**

- See **Romans 8:18-27; Ephesians 6:17-18; Jude 20**.
- Praying in the Holy Spirit is agreeing with the _____ (heart, passion, and zeal of the Lord) and _____ of the Lord that are beyond our understanding.
- Praying in the Holy Spirit is by nature _____.
 - Promotes a heart-shift.
 - Agrees with divine intentions.
 - Changes the spiritual atmosphere.
 - Builds a culture of faith in the body of Christ.