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Greetings!

Thanks for clicking this weeks SelahGram. Karyn and I pray it causes you to pause and ponder: Selah.

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My Struggle with *Corporate Worship*



I know I should be pleased that "worship" is becoming fashionable but I believe some are becoming comfortable well short of our objective. The concept of "corporate worship" is directly opposite the intimacy God requires each of us reach for. Finding our satisfaction in corporate praise misses the point entirely-much like the illustration I've used before of excitedly taking a photo at the "*Entering Grand Canyon National Park*" sign then contentedly driving home... Wait-you've missed the real prize. What you got excited about was just a sign.

God is calling each of us to a special place. It is not outlined in flashing neon nor is it just finding a seat among the masses. It is called a "secret place" for a reason. It's the treasure hidden in the field. It is the still, small voice that quietly beckons. Indeed, God's amazing guarantee is not, "You shall seek me and you shall find me when you congregate..." His guarantee is, "...and you shall find me **when you search for me with all you heart!**" ...Diligently, passionately, personally.

Contemporary, corporate worship has become fashionable. While I firmly endorse assembling ourselves together and love collectively praising, by themselves, they are not our end-all destination. It is individuals who know their God intimately, who shall be strong and do great exploits-the heart



Supporting Thoughts

Can true worship actually occur in a corporate setting? Yes, but often it's not easy!

For worship to truly be worship (intimate), the "corporate" part must be totally lost in the personal pursuit. Amen.

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that longs for Him like the deer panting for water.

There is no intimacy in corporate relationship. "Corporate worship" and secret place intimacy are virtual opposites-mutually exclusive.

In Mt.6:6 Jesus says that "*whenever you pray, enter into your secret chamber, shut the door and commune with your Father in Heaven. And your Father who carefully watches over those secret place encounters, always rewards openly.*" I believe the difference between "corporate worship" and true intimacy is captured in Jesus' "**shut the door**" requirement. Selah.

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