

"CHARTING OUR COURSE: The Right Navigation"

Sunday, March 30, 2025, 10:30 a.m.

Whitneyville Bible Church, Alto, MI

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John 4:1-30; Luke 11:5-13

BIG IDEA: We will be prayerful worshipers.

*"We cultivate a relentless, passionate pursuit of God
in worship and prayer
because He first loved us and sought us out."*



Jesus Calls Us To Worship.

- **Worship is REVELATION and RESPONSE.**
 - **REVELATION:** The truth of who God IS, what He has SAID, and what He has DONE.
 - **RESPONSE:** What I must do about Him.
- **Worship in SPIRIT and TRUTH.**
 - Revelation & Response in Spirit.
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WORSHIP is the communion of my spirit
with the Holy Spirit of God
as I respond to the TRUTH of who God IS,
what He has SAID, and what He has DONE.



Jesus Calls Us To Prayer.

- **A parable of persistence.**
 - NEVER be afraid to pray.
 - I must keep on:
 - Asking for what I need.
 - Seeking for what I can't find.
 - Knocking for what I can't open.
- **A parable of relationship.**
 - NEVER be afraid of God's answer.
 - My Father ALWAYS gives what is best.



Fulfilling this Vision.

- **How do we pursue God in worship?**
- **How do we pursue God in prayer?**

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Read: John 4:1-30; Luke 11:5-13

Think: Think about the relationship between worship and pray and then ask yourself these questions: *Why did Jesus have to go to Samaria? What is the significance of Jesus' interaction with the Samaritan woman? How does Jesus "define" worship? In the relationship between God and different individuals, who is doing the "seeking"? What does it mean to worship in Spirit? What does it mean to worship in Truth? What is significant about Jesus choosing this woman as the first person to whom He revealed Himself (v 39-42)? Why is the woman's response to Jesus so significant here? In the context of worship, why do the people of Sychar make their way to Jesus*

after hearing the testimony of the woman? Why do you suppose Jesus explains and illustrates His teaching on prayer with two parables (Luke 11:5-13)? Why do you suppose God values our persistence in prayer so much? How do you respond to the idea that God is a loving Father who desires to answer your prayers with what is best?

Do: Take a moment and read Psalm 42:1-4, and then rate your “thirst quotient” for God on a scale of 1 to 10, 1 being “No thirst here; I’m already quenched, thanks!”, 10 being, “I’m parched and can’t drink deep enough and long enough to satisfy my thirst”. Begin a prayer journal and keep track of God’s answers to your prayers.