

**Vision Series: Developing A Community Of Faith - 1 of 4**  
**“Through Worship”**  
**Cornerstone Church Of Poway**  
**Pastor Ed Turley**  
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**Vision:**

We need to build up our community of faith to strengthen our love for God & others.

“You are members of **God’s family**. Together, we are **His house**, built on the **foundation** of the apostles and the prophets. And the **cornerstone** is **Christ Jesus** himself.” **Ephesians 2:19-20 (NLT2)**

“Jesus replied: '**Love the Lord your God** with all your **heart** and with all your **soul** and with all your **mind**.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments." **Matthew 22:37-40 (NIV)**

**Together we can build up our Community of Faith by making worship a lifestyle. We Make Worship a Lifestyle by:**

**1. Choosing To Turn Our Worry Into Worship**

“**Rejoice** in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!” **Philippians 4:4 (NIV)**

“Through Jesus, therefore, **let us** continually offer to God a **sacrifice of praise**--the fruit of lips that **confess** His name. And do not forget to do good and to **share with others**, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.” **Hebrews 13:15-16 (NIV)**

“So we **praise** God for the glorious **grace** He has poured out on us who **belong** to His dear Son. He is so rich in **kindness** and **grace** that He **purchased** our freedom with the blood of His Son and **forgave** our sins.” **Ephesians 1:6-7 (NLT2)**

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## 2. Choosing To Give Thanks In All Things

“Do not be **anxious** about anything, but in everything, **by prayer and petition**, with **thanksgiving**, present your requests to God. And the **peace of God**, which transcends all understanding, will guard your **hearts** and your **minds** in Christ Jesus.” **Philippians 4:4-7 (NIV)**

“O **GIVE thanks** to the Lord, for **He is good; for His mercy and loving-kindness endure forever**. O **give thanks** to the **God of gods**, for His mercy *and* loving-kindness endure forever. O **give thanks** to the **Lord of lords**, for His mercy *and* loving-kindness endure forever. To Him Who alone **does great wonders**, for His mercy *and* loving-kindness endure forever; To Him Who by wisdom *and* understanding **made the heavens**, for His mercy *and* loving-kindness endure forever; To Him Who stretched out the **earth** upon the waters, for His mercy *and* loving-kindness endure forever; To Him Who **made the great lights**, for His mercy *and* loving-kindness endure forever— The **sun** to rule over the day, for His mercy *and* loving-kindness endure forever; The **moon and stars** to rule by night, for His mercy *and* loving-kindness endure forever.” **Psalm 136:1-9 (AMP)**

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## 3. Choosing To See Our Problems Through The Filter Of Who God Is

“**Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?** As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than **conquerors** through him who loved us. For **I am convinced** that neither **death nor life**, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the **love of God** that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” **Romans 8:35-39 (NIV)**

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**Where do You need to build up Your worship?**

**I will worship God more by:**

**Choosing To Turn My Worry Into Worship**

**Choosing To Give Thanks In All Things**

**Choosing To See My Problems through the Filter of God**

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**Icebreaker:** What are your two favorite worship songs? Why?

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**Matthew 22:37-40 (NIV)**

How would I rate my worship according to this verse?

Doing well? Needs some improvement? Needs a change of heart?

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**Philippians 4:4 (NIV)**

Paul spent most of his Christian life in a Roman prison cell. Why does he emphasize the need to rejoice in the Lord?

**Hebrews 13:15-16 (NIV)**

How is worship described?

Most of the time we love to sing praises. Why does the author describe it as a sacrifice of praise?

How does verse 16 fit into worship?

**Ephesians 1:6-7 (NLT2)**

Describe the meaning of grace in these verses.

What is one of your favorite worship songs that would describe these verses?

**2. Choosing To Give Thanks In All Things**

**Philippians 4:4-7 (NIV)**

How does prayer and thanksgiving help sooth your worry?

Take a moment and share some thanksgiving.

**Psalm 136:1-9 (AMP)**

As you read through this passage write down how God is described.

How has God shown up in your life in the past? What good things has He done?

Share how God has been merciful to you.

Spend some time giving thanks to God for Who He is.

**3. Choosing To See Our Problems Through The Filter Of Who God Is  
Romans 8:35-39 (NIV)**

This past week have you felt more like a conqueror or conquered?

Of the agents of separation listed, which is more threatening to you?

Which verse from this passage particularly strikes you?

**Close in Prayer:** Start praying. Be bold, and pray specifically.

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