

AFTER HIS HEART PART 1
“SEARCHING FOR SIGNIFICANCE”
SCRIPTURE: PSALM 8; 1 SAMUEL 4
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INTRODUCTION

- Worship is more than song time on Sunday.
- The deepest desire of our heart is significance. And that is only found in pursuing the heart of God.

I. WHO ARE WE TO HIM?

- Understanding who we are to Him is where we begin to understand significance.
- Psalm 8:4-6, “What are mere mortals that you should think about them...? ⁵ Yet you made them only a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honor. ⁶ You gave them charge of everything you made, putting all things under their authority.”
- On the other side of sin, the weight of God’s presence that once brought fullness began to bring fear.
- Genesis 3:8, “...they hid themselves...”
- As a result, humanity has been chasing significance ever since.
- Worship brings us into contact with the substance of life. It exposes us to the weight of God’s presence.
- The significance we lost to sin was meant to be found only in Him.

II. THE WEIGHT OF WORSHIP

- Worshiping God and the weight of His presence go hand in hand.

- 2 Corinthians 4:6, “For God...has made this light shine in our hearts so we could know the glory of God that is seen in the face of Jesus Christ.”
- 1 Samuel 4
- Israel always got themselves in trouble when they chose earthly wisdom and disobeyed God.
- It’s His presence that brings weight and meaning to our lives.

III. WORSHIP IN A BOX

- The Ark of the Covenant was the resting place of God’s substance, presence, and glory on earth.
- Hebrews 9:1-5, “...the Most Holy Place. ⁴ In that room were a gold incense altar and...the Ark of the Covenant...Inside the Ark were a gold jar containing manna, Aaron’s staff that sprouted leaves, and the stone tablets of the covenant...”
- The Ark was a physical image of the Presence of God.
- The articles in the Ark represented God’s rule, provision, deliverance, and promises.
- Worship is more than a song. Worship is a realization, response, and a statement of God’s worth.

CLOSE

- John 17:22-24 - Jesus came to restore the glory of God and return substance and significance to us.
- The simple truth is that we become more and more like what we worship.
- Acts 13:22, “...God said, ‘I have found David, son of Jesse, a man after my own heart. He will do everything I want him to do.’”
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