



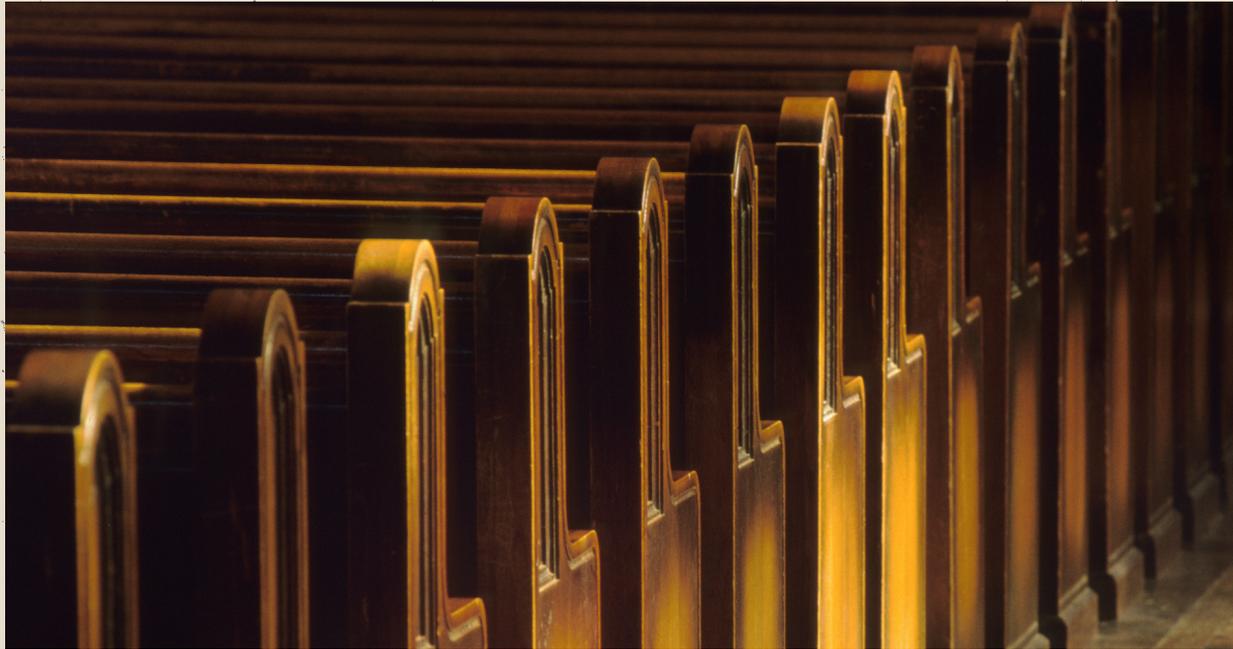
*from consumption to*  
**COMMUNION**

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*Unexpectedly*  
**FREE**

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product for purchase.*



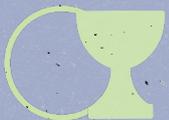
# Consumption

- Did I enjoy it?
- Did it meet my needs?
- Did the music move me?
- Did I get something out of it?

# Communion

- Did God enjoy it?
- Did it give me the chance to get closer to Him?
- Was God honored by that song?
- Did I give something in it?

**We approach church as a product for purchase,  
but God calls us to lay aside transactions and  
embrace transformation.**



# **GOD'S MERCY CALLS US TO A LIFE OF WORSHIP AND RENEWED AFFECTIONS.**

Because God has shown us such great mercy in the gospel, the only true response is to present ourselves as living sacrifices in worshipful obedience (v1) — and as we do, we are transformed into people who discover new affections for God's will, which is seen to no longer be a burden but a gift (v2).



POINT 1

# THE FOUNDATION OF OUR WORSHIP IS GOD'S MERCY

You cannot manufacture the response he is calling for.

You must be changed by the mercy of God first.



*“Therefore”*

After 11 chapters of gospel Paul tells us what our response ought to be



POINT 2

# OUR TRUE AND PROPER WORSHIP IS TO LIVE AS A SACRIFICE

An ongoing act of faithful obedience.



POINT 2a

# WORSHIP AS A DISCIPLINE

Worship is where you apply your affections to the truth.

The practice of worship cultivates the emotion appropriate to who God is.



- Corporate worship
- Private worship

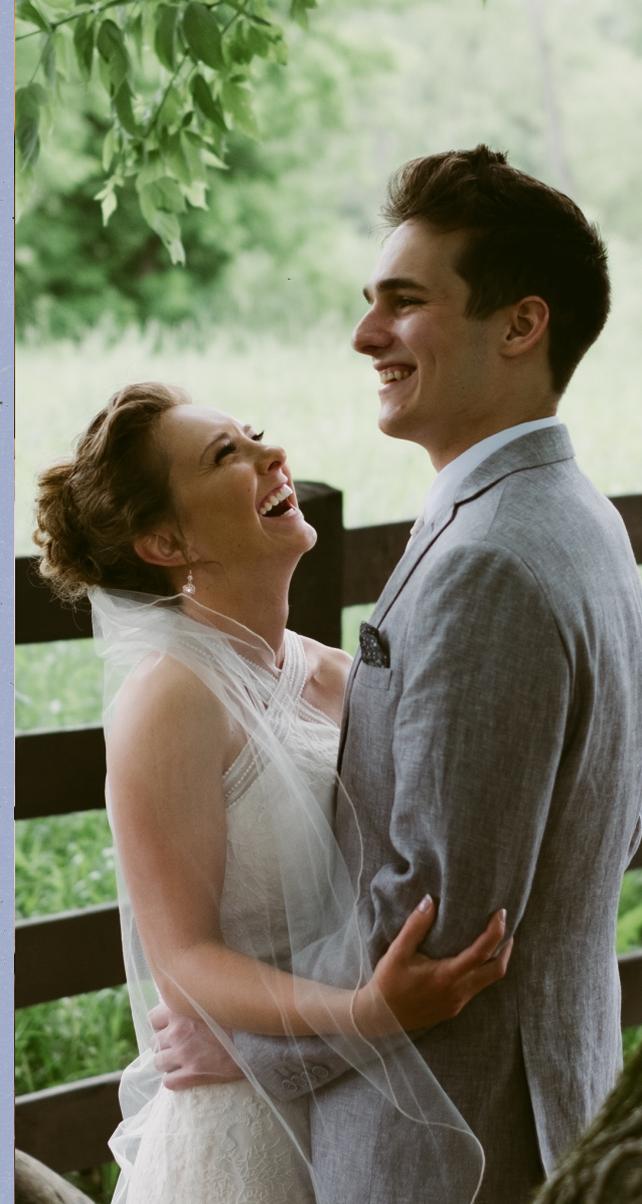


**John 14:15** *“If you love me, you will keep my commandments.”*

Obedience flows from worship.

Obedience is worship.

Obedience perpetuates worship.



## POINT 3

**THE RESPONSE OF LIVING AS A SACRIFICE  
TRANSFORMS US TO SEE GOD'S WILL AS  
GOOD, PLEASING, AND PERFECT.**



*or*



# GOD'S MERCY CALLS US TO A LIFE OF WORSHIP AND RENEWED AFFECTIONS.

God doesn't invite us to church to give us a product.

In response to his mercy, he calls us to live as sacrifices

True worship is a life offered to God, living it transforms us

His will is not a cage. It is the shape of a life finally, actually free



