

How Do I Feel?

VS.

What Has God Revealed?

- While our worship involves the whole man, it is not merely based on our "emotions" and "feelings."
- We are warned about elevating our feelings over God's will (Matt. 15:9; Rom. 10:1-3).





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- Jesus answered questions by appealing to the Scriptures (Matt. 19:4-6, 18-20).
- Worship involves, but also transcends our emotions (Psa.51:1-17; 73:16-17
- Jesus pointed the woman at the well past her feelings to the truth (John 4:9-10, 19-24).



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What Has God Revealed?

- Worship is to be offered in faith (Heb. 11:4; Rom. 10:17).
- Our question is not, "What do I like?"
- Our question is, "What does God desire?" (Micah 6:6-8)
- Those who love God will rejoice to know they are pleasing God!

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What Attracts a Crowd? vs.

What Will Draw a God Seeker?



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- Many have bought into the "numbers craze,"
 "market driven approach" which wants
 congregations to focus on "supply and
 demand."
- The early church was exponentially growing because souls were being converted (Acts 2:41-47; 5:14; 6:1).
- There is a distinction between growth and swelling (I Pet. 2:2; 2 Pet. 3:18)





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- Are we attempting to bring people in through fleshly enticements or through a Christ-centered and biblically focused approach (I Cor. 1:18; 2:1-2; Rom. 1:16).
- Are we willing to compromise the truth in order to please, rather than convict the lost (John 12:37-43; Gal. 1:11-12; Acts 2:37; Gal. 5:11).





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- Rather than allowing the world to shape our message, we must proclaim the message that will transform the lost (Acts 20:27).
- Jesus is sufficient to draw all those who seek truth to Himself (John 12:32).
- How are seekers drawn to Jesus (John 6:44-45).
- Christ intentionally drove the superficial away by His teaching (John 6:2, 24-69).



What Will Be Convenient? vs.

What Will Grow Our Faith?





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- Jesus never asked, "What will be convenient?"
- The grace of God brings us to joyful obedience, but discipleship calls us to self-sacrifice (I John 5:2-3; Matt. 11:28-20; 16:24).
- Spiritual growth requires discipline and diligence (2 Pet. 1:5, 10; I Cor. 9:27).
- Love for God is expressed in our priorities (Matt. 6:33; Heb. 10:25).





Would Never Ask

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- Are we offering our best to God (Mal. 1:6-14;
 Isa. 1:10-17; Rom. 12:1-2; I Pet. 2:5)?
- What would have happened if Jesus had simply looked for the convenient way (Heb. 12:1-4).
- Those who are looking for "easy believe-ism" and "convenient discipleship" are really running away from a committed relationship with God.







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Worship Questions Jesus Would Never Ask

What Will Grow My Faith?

- Preaching of the whole counsel of God (I Tim. 4:14-17; Acts 20:27).
- Convicting and encouraging message (2 Tim. 4:1-5).
- Edification and spiritual preparation (Eph. 4:11-16).
- God-Centered worship (John 4:22-24).
- Accountability (Heb. 13:17)
- Fellowship (Acts 2:42)

