



THE WEIGHT AND PRIVILEGE OF LEADING OTHERS IN WORSHIP

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Chris Tomlin's Testimony

- Everyone is wondering how you got there but you know that someone lifted you and set you there.
- We all need someone to believe in us and we can all probably think of a name right now of someone that believed in us or saw something in us.
- Give your heart to God because He is looking for someone that is completely His; not for the most talented or the best.
 - "For the eyes of the LORD roam throughout the earth, so that He may strongly support those whose heart is completely His." - 2 Chronicles 16:9

Oh Lord, You're Beautiful

- This is the charge and what it is all about:
 - "I want to take your Word and shine it all around. But first, help me just to live it, Lord. And when I'm doing well, help me to never seek a crown. For my reward is giving glory to You."

Keeping a Humble Posture in Worship

- There's a difference between being a lead singer and a lead worshiper – it's a position of the heart.
 - Performance or Presence
 - Performance leads them to you. Presence leads them to something greater.
 - Laser or Lighthouse
 - A laser plays whatever songs they like and what's popular. A lighthouse tries to bring people home and plays what the congregation wants.
 - Style or Spirit
 - Worship is not a trend, it's eternal. Don't focus on the style of worship and music, focus on the spirit of worship.
 - For Approval or From Approval
 - Which place do you lead from?



Having Security as a Worship Leader

- You have to know the responsibility of what you're doing. There's a privilege and weight that comes with leading people to something greater than yourself.
- Ask God to take away your flesh. Humble yourself before God and ask for His presence to fall on this place.

Songwriting

- Deliverance or Transcendence
 - Deliverance is about us needing God – “rescue us” and “save us”.
 - Transcendence is not about us. It's about pointing people to the holiness and glory of God.
 - Do your best to write as many transcendence songs as possible.
- We or Me
 - “How great is *our* God” not “how great is *my* God”.
 - Worship should be something that brings people together and helps them experience the same moment.

Relationship between Pastors and Worship Leaders

- It's a gift when they are in sync and the pastor does not see worship as the warm-up to his message. The worship leaders are there to amplify the message.
- Worship is what we will do in eternity. The preaching is incredibly important, but worship is too.

RESOURCES

- [Highlands College Chapel Service with Chris Tomlin](#)
- [Holy Forever by Chris Tomlin](#)
- [Chris Tomlin's Website](#)
- [Ask PC Your Questions](#)
- [GrowLeader Conference 2023](#)
- [GrowLeader Regionals](#)
- [Monthly Mentoring with Pastor Chris](#)
- [Free Church Resources](#)
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- [The Wesleyan Investment Foundation](#)
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