




## UNRAVELED: Worship by...

### Psalm 63:1-4

 Psalm 63:1–4 (NIV) “O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water. <sup>2</sup> I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory. <sup>3</sup> Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you. <sup>4</sup> I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands.”

#### Worship by [looking and thirsting for God](#).


 Psalm 63:1 (NIV) “O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water.”

 Psalm 42:1–2 (NIV) “As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God. <sup>2</sup> My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?”


#### Worship by [gathering to behold God](#).


 Psalm 63:2 (NIV) “I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory.”

 1 Thessalonians 5:19 (ESV) “Do not quench the Spirit.”


 Ephesians 4:30 (NASB) “Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.”


#### Worship by [voicing appreciation for God](#).


 Psalm 63:3–4a (NIV) “Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you. <sup>4</sup> I will praise you as long as I live...”


 John 6:63–68 (NIV) “The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. <sup>64</sup> Yet there are some of you who do not believe.” For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray Him. <sup>65</sup> He went on to say, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled him.” <sup>66</sup> From this time many of His disciples turned back and no longer followed Him. <sup>67</sup> “You do not want to leave too, do you?” Jesus asked the Twelve. <sup>68</sup> Simon Peter answered Him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.”


#### Worship by [lifting up hands to God](#).


 Psalm 63:4 (NIV) “I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands.”


 1 Timothy 2:8 (NIV) “I want men everywhere to lift up holy hands in prayer, without anger or disputing.”

 Matthew 7:11 (NIV) “If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask Him!”

 James 4:8a (ESV) “Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you.”

 Psalm 141:1–2 (NLT) “O Lord, I am calling to you. Please hurry! Listen when I cry to you for help! <sup>2</sup> Accept my prayer as incense offered to you, and my upraised hands as an evening offering.”

 Exodus 17:9–13 (NIV) “Moses said to Joshua, “Choose some of our men and go out to fight the Amalekites. Tomorrow I will stand on top of the hill with the staff of God in my hands.” <sup>10</sup> So Joshua fought the Amalekites as Moses had ordered, and Moses, Aaron and Hur went to the top of the hill. <sup>11</sup> As long as Moses held up his hands, the Israelites were winning, but whenever he lowered his hands, the Amalekites were winning. <sup>12</sup> When Moses’ hands grew tired, they took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it. Aaron and Hur held his hands up—one on one side, one on the other—so that his hands remained steady till sunset. <sup>13</sup> So Joshua overcame the Amalekite army with the sword.”

 Psalm 25:1–7 (NIV) “To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; <sup>2</sup> in you I trust, O my God. Do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me. <sup>3</sup> No one whose hope is in you will ever be put to shame, but they will be put to shame who are treacherous without excuse. <sup>4</sup> Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths; <sup>5</sup> guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long. <sup>6</sup> Remember, O Lord, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old. <sup>7</sup> Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you are good, O Lord.”

## IMPACT

- Imitating Christ
- Meeting Needs
- Proclaiming the Good News
- Assimilating people into the church
- **Celebrating God**
- Teaching the Word of God

*What are some ways that you worship God? Are you thirsty for Him? Does it feel like God is close to you or far from you? In what ways is God being worshipped in our church? In what ways are we quenching the work of the Holy Spirit in our church? What are some things that you are praising God for? Do you lift your hands in worship? --Why or why not? Could changing your posture in prayer change the outcome of a battle you are currently fighting?*

