

The Pathway Guide by Dwayne Moore

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A Personal Invitation to Worship

Worship is not just something we do—it is a way of life.
You may have heard that before.

But what if it were actually true—not just for others, but for *you*?

What if worship was something you truly *wanted* to do?
Better yet, what if worship became so personal and real that it flowed naturally from your life?

What if it filled your days with peace, joy, comfort, and encouragement?
What if your worship of God became as natural as breathing?
What if you woke each morning and your first thoughts were of *Him*—of thanking Him and honoring Him with all that is within you?

That is the kind of worship that pleases the Father. And that is the kind of worship this journey is designed to help you experience. It's the ultimate goal of *The NLW Pathway*.

Our hope is that we can walk away from this six-week journey more deeply in love with God and more consistent in our worship than when we began.

My prayer for you is that what you discover will move from your head to your heart—igniting a deeper passion for the Lord and His Word—so that your worship will never be the same.

For this to happen in someone's life, two things are vital:
First, we need to be taught.

Isaiah said, “He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being taught” (Isaiah 50:4).

You may need to wake a little earlier.
You may need to silence distractions.
You may need to sit down, focused and ready—like a student eager to learn.

Second, we should be teachable.

We shouldn't assume we already understand worship fully.

Come with humility. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you.

Engage each day—even when you don't feel like it.

Each day of this journey includes a short Scripture passage for you to read and reflect on.

These are not assignments to complete, but invitations to meet with God through His Word. Come to them expectantly. Read slowly. Listen carefully.

Trust that God desires to speak to you as you spend time with Him each day.

As you travel this incredible pathway, you can expect your Savior to meet with you—to walk with you—and teach you how to worship Him *in spirit and in truth*.

— **Dwayne Moore**

Overview

Many worship leaders spend years learning how to lead worship publicly. Far fewer learn how to cultivate a daily life of worship privately. Yet public worship leadership should always flow from authentic private devotion.

This lab is designed to help you develop simple spiritual rhythms that nurture personal worship and strengthen your ability to influence others in their walk with God.

The goal is simple: to help you develop daily habits of personal worship.

These daily habits are not assignments to impress God. They are simple rhythms that help make room for love to grow.

Each day, you will practice small movements of attention, Scripture, prayer, and response. Over time, these rhythms can help worship move from occasional moments into the whole of life.

Parts of this lab may feel new at first—and that’s okay.
You don’t need to do things perfectly or have everything figured out.

Simply show up each day, take a few moments, and begin.
Throughout this lab, you will engage in three connected experiences:

- this daily worship guide
- the book *Learning to Worship God*
- weekly teaching and group discussions

Each one plays a different role.
This student guide is designed to help you meet with God each day.

The book will deepen your understanding.
And the teaching and discussions will help you apply what you are learning.

Together, these rhythms are meant to help you grow as a worshiper and as a leader of worship.

This journey is personal, but it is not meant to be private. God forms worshipers in community. As you walk through these daily practices, you will also grow through gathering, listening, discussion, encouragement, honesty, and prayer with others. No one grows as an island.

Pathway, Not a Formula

The NLW Pathway is not a cookie-cutter model of spiritual growth. God forms people personally, patiently, and organically. These six weeks give us biblical language and practical habits for the journey, but the Lord Himself is the One who shapes the heart.

Preparing Your Heart

Before you begin each day, take a moment to be still.

Quiet your thoughts.
Turn your attention toward God.

You are not completing a task.
You are meeting with a Person.

You don't need to rush. God is not in a hurry.

Start each day with this simple prayer:

"Lord, I am here to meet with You."

Daily Worship Rhythm

Each day, plan to spend 10–15 minutes with God using this simple rhythm:

1. **He — See God clearly**
2. **We — Respond honestly**
3. **They — Live out worship**

You will practice this each day through Scripture, reflection, and prayer.

Remember,

The goal is not perfection.
The goal is consistency.

Worship Is More Than Music

Worship is not limited to church services or songs.
Scripture reveals that worship flows in three directions:
Inward → Upward → Outward

You can think of worship like a kettle of water on a stove.
When the water inside begins to boil, steam rises upward.
In the same way, when worship begins inwardly in the heart, it naturally rises upward in praise and flows outward toward others.

If nothing is happening inside the kettle, there will be no steam and no overflow. True worship always begins within.

As you grow, your life will begin to move in a direction:

- Inward — the devotion of the heart
- Upward — the expression of praise
- Outward — the influence of love

Scripture gives us another picture:
“My heart is stirred...” (Psalm 45:1).

As the heart is stirred—like water brought to a boil—praise rises upward.

As you grow in worship, you will begin to experience a progression:

Awareness

Learning to notice and acknowledge God’s presence, worth, beauty, truth, and activity throughout everyday life.

Communion

Developing a consistent, personal relationship with God through Scripture, prayer, listening, honesty, confession, and fellowship with Him.

Obedience

Responding to God with trust, surrender, repentance, and daily alignment with His Word and will.

Lifestyle Worship

Allowing worship to move from occasional moments into daily rhythms, hidden choices, relationships, responsibilities, and ordinary faithfulness.

Overflow

Letting a life formed by worship influence others through love, service, witness, leadership, prayer, and God’s heart for the nations.

This is not a rigid system.
It is a pathway of growth—each stage building on the one before it.

This journey is a pathway, not a race.

As you respond faithfully to what God shows you, your heart becomes more prepared for the next step. You do not need to understand everything at once. Simply walk in the light you have today.

God often opens more understanding as we obey the next step He places before us.

Transition into the Journey

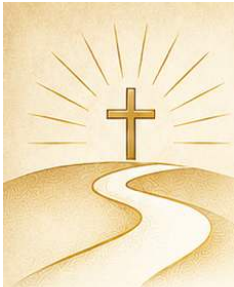
Over the next six weeks, you will walk through this pathway step by step.

Each week will build on the previous one.

Each day will help you develop a rhythm of meeting and connecting with God.

You don't need to understand everything right now.

Just begin.

 The NLW Pathway at a Glance <i>Formation Habits and Results</i>		
STEP	FORMATION HABIT	FORMATION RESULT
1	 Acknowledge God First	 Foundational Awareness
2	 Pray He-We-They	 Deepening Communion
3	 Aim Your Worship	 Whole-Life Obedience
4	 Seek to Influence	 Outward Impact
5	 Love with Your Life	 Everyday Worship
6	 Return and Remember	 Lasting Worship

Turn the page to begin Week 1.

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