Devotion to God should rival worship of teams

The NCAA basketball tournament is rounding the final turn, and four teams are left.

I enjoy watching the games, the ebb and flow of each period, and then the unknown of the last couple of minutes, where anything can hap-

I must confess, though, I enjoy watching the fans just as much. During any athletic event, actually. In fact, I may be going out on a limb, but I think some of the greatest examples of worship occur between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. on a Sunday in the fall.

People are going for it. They are in tune to what is going on; most are passionate about being there. Hands lifted, voices raised, unashamed to express their devotion to their team.

Maybe it is because I am a pastor and it is my passion to see people



worship God with abandonment. worship? Perhaps it is because I am a pastor that I ask this question — Do you is easy. You simply follow the trail know what God desires from us in of your time, your affection, your this topic of worship? Integrity, that we would worship Him with the same energy (actually it should be will find a throne; and whatever, or greater) as we would cheer for a pigskin crossing the goal line.

ship is about what you value most. is the driving force in all we do. That speaks louder than our words. In the

single person on the face of the earth.

That leads to this question – How do you know where and what you

Author Louie Giglio says, "That energy, your money and your allegiance. At the end of that trail, you whoever, is on that throne is what's of highest value to you. On that What is worship, anyway? Wor- throne is what you worship. The trail never lies. We may say we value this It is your response to what you value thing or that thing more than any most in life. It fuels our actions and other, but the volume of our actions

is true of every end, our worship is more about what blessed. Most of us are consumers aged when we worship Jesus. That we do than what we say."

Can you say "ouch?" but that is so true. The reality is you were pre-wired

for worship (John 1:3). One person put it this way, "We are called to an everlasting preoccupation with God."

Understand, then, that worship is more than just going to a church service on a Sunday morning. It is more than just singing a song or hymn. It is who you are.

When that happens, serving God becomes exciting. It becomes an adventure. Does that describe your relationship with God?

Let me throw a few things out to you as you get ready to go to church this weekend. You are going, aren't you? I hope you do!

Three thoughts about worship: First, when we worship, God is

- unfortunately it has become part is not why we worship, but it is a of our cultural DNA. We have to get out of the mentality that says worship is for me. If we like the style, if we are in the mood, then we will worship.

Worship is the celebration of intimacy. It should shift us from the ever-shifting sands of how we feel to the bedrock faith that doesn't change. How awesome is worship? God pulls up a big chair, envision that in your mind (Ps 9:11; 22:3).

Next, when we worship, we get blessed (Psalm 84:1-12). When you our worship would be more confind your purpose in worshipping Him, your vision of God is expanded.

C.S. Lewis said, "In commanding us to glorify Him, God is inviting us to enjoy Him."

On final thought, Satan gets dam-

truth of what happens when you turn your eyes on Jesus.

I am not trying to be spooky, but understand that there is an enemy of your soul, and he will do whatever he can to destroy you now and for eternity.

The good news is God is bigger than that enemy. He is bigger than your current situation or battle. Check out what Jesus did to the enemy at Calvary in Colossian 2:14-15.

It is my prayer for me and you that cerned about how God felt than how we felt and that our worship move beyond a song or a service to everything we do.

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Governor asks kids to design screen saver

for the opportunity to have their work compiled into a screen saver that can be downloaded from the state's web site and to spend a day in Kansas' capital city.

Gov. Kathleen Sebelius encourages Kansas elementary students (kindergarten through sixth grade) to show their Kansas pride by submitting original artwork for the state's Show Your Kansas Pride screen saver contest.

"Kansas is a great place to visit, and an even better place to live," the governor said. "Kansas elementary students have an opportunity to help us promote our state through artwork that shows their Kansas pride."

The contest is open to all Kansas elementary students, who can submit original artwork that promotes Kansas through Friday, April 28.

Elementary artists can compete visit the contest web site for entry details at www.kansas.gov/education/screensaver/index.html.

> In May, the top entries will be featured on the state's official web portal, Kansas.gov, and the public will be encouraged to vote for their favorites

> Once voting is complete, the top entry from each grade will be compiled into a downloadable screen saver and be available to download from Kansas.gov.

> In June, the governor will award prizes, and winners and their families will be treated to a day in Topeka.

From the Show Your Kansas Pride web site, students can learn more about Kansas history, government, facts, symbols and more. Parents and teachers can also learn more about some of the many resources available on-line to assist in Students, parents and teachers may their work and private activities.



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