

— THE CHURCH AWAKENING: AN URGENT CALL FOR RENEWAL —
WORSHIP: A COMMITMENT . . . NOT A WAR, PART ONE
JOHN 4:16–23; ACTS 2:41–43



The Heart of the Matter

Each of us lives under a tyrannical master, though we hardly know it. Daily, we're subjected to the tyranny of the urgent. It demands our time and attention; it forces us to put off the truly important for another day. Only on occasion do we force ourselves to slow down and think of the toll it is taking on us, of how we have allowed circumstances and others too much control over our lives. The winds of other people's expectations and demands can drive us onto a reef of frustration, leaving us feeling shallow and desolate. We need to stop and reconsider what's important—as individuals and as churches. When we do, we'll quickly discover that we're missing the one, essential ingredient that we were made for: worship.



Discovering the Way

1. The Inescapable Conflict

A war is raging between two opposing forces, each vying for your time and attention: the urgent and the important.

2. The Irreplaceable Priority (John 4:16–23; Acts 2:41–43)

Worship must become our priority. But what is worship? Why is it so significant? How can we participate in it? And when is it paramount?

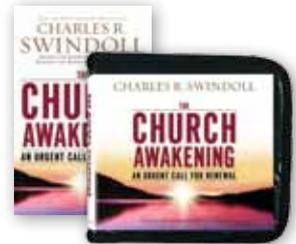


Starting Your Journey

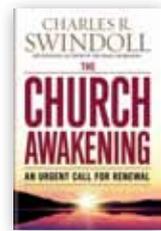
As we approach worship, we must reexamine our hearts and redirect our lives toward Christ. When we do, the urgent will be eclipsed by the important, and worship will produce spiritual fruit within us.



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