

HV Summit

INSPIRING AN AUDIENCE TO BE PASSIONATE WORSHIPERS

Psalm 47

1 Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!
2 For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth.
3 He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet.
4 He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves. Selah
5 God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.
6 Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!
7 For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!
8 God reigns over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.
9 The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham. For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted!

According to an article written by Eglantine Julle-Daniere on Psychology Today's website:

Communication can take multiple forms and use what we call different channels. A channel is a way of communicating and there are **4 main channels** shared by all living forms:

- Chemical signals, i.e. smells and odors;
- Tactile signals, i.e. touch and physical contact;
- Auditory signals, i.e. sounds;
- Visual signals, i.e. visual displays, colors and postures.

Auditory signals: sounds.

When communicating with someone, one of the most efficient ways to get an idea across is by using sounds, or **verbal** communication.

- Since we are leading people in worship, the lyrics *are* the verbal communication and **song choice** is very important in this sphere.

Visual signals: visual displays, colors, and postures.

All that is said when no word is pronounced. From clothes, make-up, and hairstyle to body postures and facial expressions, the way we present can be as impactful as what we say (if not even more).

So what can we do to better communicate?

Create a consistency between your verbal and nonverbal messages. If you're happy to be in church, show it with your vocal tone and body language. The more consistency you create, the more trust you'll build.

Know your audience.

- Connecting with your audience is a key part of inspiring or persuading them toward passionate worship.
 - Pray about which songs to use in your services. God knows who will be there and can give you insight into song selection. If you find that you always feel “lead” to use the songs you like...
 - Connect with the people in your church when you are not on the platform. This will go a long way to building the trust factor.
 - Not everyone will follow your lead. Be okay with it.

Live consistently.

- In the full scope of life, the worship service is a relatively small part of your time. Worship is a lifestyle, not an event.
 - Whether or not you happen to be on the platform, you are seen.
 - Your actions and words will speak to what is on the inside.
 - Be a worshiper even when you are not leading.
 - Be willing to take the time to serve people in other ways.
 - Don't be dependent on “feelings” to get you the place of being ready to lead. If we can't inspire ourselves when we don't “feel” the Spirit moving, we probably won't be able to inspire others.
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