

# Why I don't Dance and Sing Any More

I've been on a journey since the 1990s to genuinely worship God the right way. This led me through the following stages in succession:

1. Singing at the top of my voice
2. Raising my hands
3. Singing to God, not about him
4. Using flags/banners
5. Dancing before the Lord
6. Dancing triumphant music

The end point of these stages was about 10 years when I was the organiser and member of a group called 'Creative Worshippers' which folded up in 2017 (or thereabouts). I stopped being involved in this group as I ran out of time to organise training and events, and because the church people weren't joining in – I was wasting my time and energy encouraging them.

Driving in my car the other day, I suddenly realised why I didn't need to listen to praise and worship music or even to sing to the King. I didn't need to dance any more and it had nothing to do with why I stopped doing these activities.

I realized that I'd been on a journey of intimacy with the Lord which started during the Creative Worshippers' era and this is why the desires had faded. I'd learnt to have my pleasure – righteous pleasure – in Father's love.<sup>1</sup> From the Bridal paradigm I learnt that Jesus, our King, wants to produce a Bride of lovers of him that he can have an intimate relationship with. From there I moved forward and was able to establish Jesus as my "beloved" – the one who I love the most and want to be with all the time, day-in and day-out.

In recent times I have come into the knowledge of the Kingdom as the most important function of Heaven on Earth. It's the focus of Heaven and has become mine as well. Being brought out of the church system has been instrumental in my move forward as a son of The Most High God. My focus now has been on becoming a mature son under the tutelage of the King in my apprenticeship with him. This has been very satisfying as I now know my real identity and this has brought a lot of peace and the cessation of striving to 'become'.

In the past year I have come into the knowledge and the critical importance of the Internal Kingdom. This is the presence of the King through Holy Spirit inside of me. It involves me allowing the King to sit on the throne of my heart and be in charge – that's the vital part. From the Internal Kingdom everything flows so that the Kingdom of God expands from within me to impact the world.

I am now advancing in allowing the Kingdom to supply all my needs – emotional, mental, physical, spiritual, financial, relational, health and love needs – by leaning into the supply of the Internal Kingdom. The difficult times I've been put through have been to cause me to draw further and further inward so that my 'beloved' meets all those needs. Having all my needs met makes me replete (fully satisfied) which is why I don't need to dance and sing – I'm communing spiritually at a level of oneness with the King. This is his ultimate desire<sup>2</sup> for all his people and what genuine worship is meant to be.<sup>3</sup>

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1 – READ: Mike Bickle (2013) "The Pleasure of Loving God: A Call to Accept God's All-Encompassing Love for You"  
[www.amazon.com.au/Pleasure-Loving-God-Accept-All-Encompassing-ebook/dp/B00DY0N4EW](http://www.amazon.com.au/Pleasure-Loving-God-Accept-All-Encompassing-ebook/dp/B00DY0N4EW)

2 – John 17:11, 22

3 – Worship really means to 'show the worth of God'. Having him as your most prized possession, in genuine relationship, demonstrates that the best.