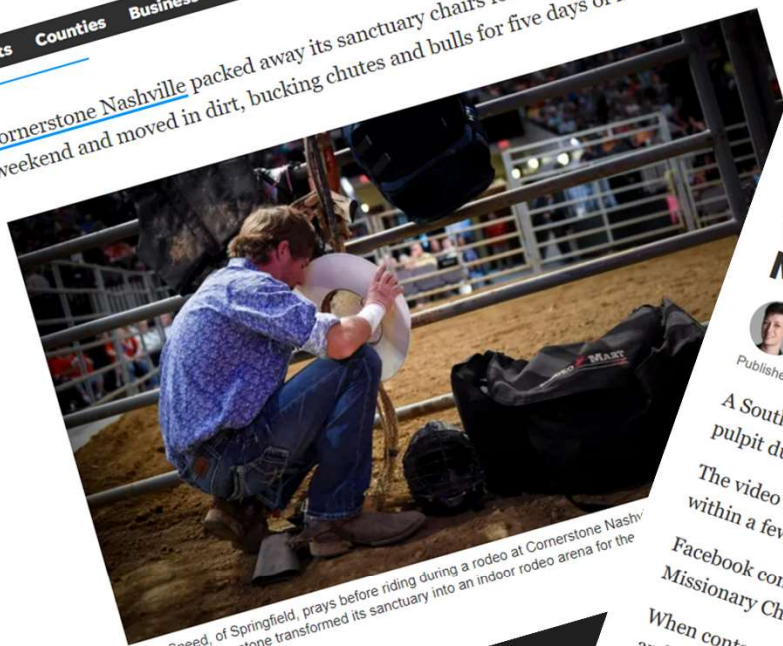
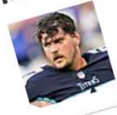


Cornerstone Nashville packed away its sanctuary chairs for the Independence Day weekend and moved in dirt, bucking chutes and bulls for five days of indoor rodeo.



Drew Sneed, of Springfield, prays before riding during a rodeo at Cornerstone Nashville. Cornerstone transformed its sanctuary into an indoor rodeo arena for the Tennessee

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Floating pastor from Southaven's Brown Missionary Baptist Church goes viral



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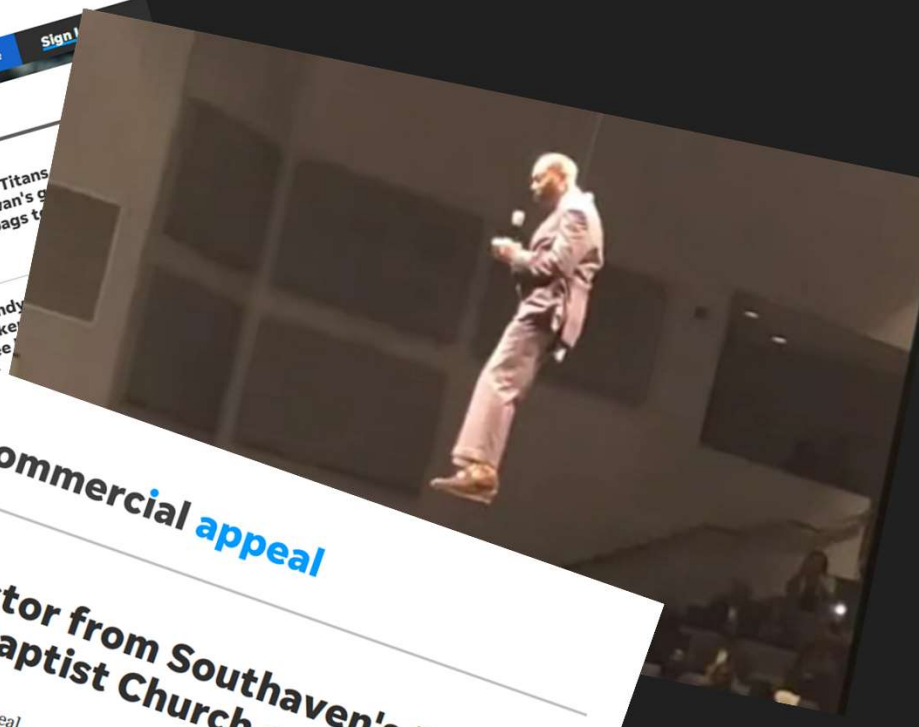
A Southaven pastor is a viral sensation after descending from the rafters of his church to the pulpit during a Sunday sermon.

The video was posted Sunday afternoon and racked up over a million views on Facebook within a few hours, and over two million views by Monday morning.

Facebook comments identified the pastor as the Rev. Bartholomew Orr from Brown Missionary Church.

When contacted, Orr said that the high-flying stunt was born from a mix of simple curiosity and a desire to deliver Sunday's gospel message in an innovative way — or how he called it, "digital disciple."

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What's Wrong with Modern Worship?

- What is worship?



Genesis 22:5 (NKJV)

“And Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the lad and I will go yonder and worship, and we will come back to you."”

II Samuel 12:20 (NKJV)

“So David arose from the ground, washed and anointed himself, and changed his clothes; and he went into the house of the LORD and worshiped. Then he went to his own house; and when he requested, they set food before him, and he ate.”

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Ephesians 5:19 (NKJV)

“speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord,”

Acts 2:42 (NKJV)

“And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.”

Acts 20:7 (NKJV)

“Now on the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul, ready to depart the next day, spoke to them and continued his message until midnight.”

I Corinthians 16:1,2 (NKJV)

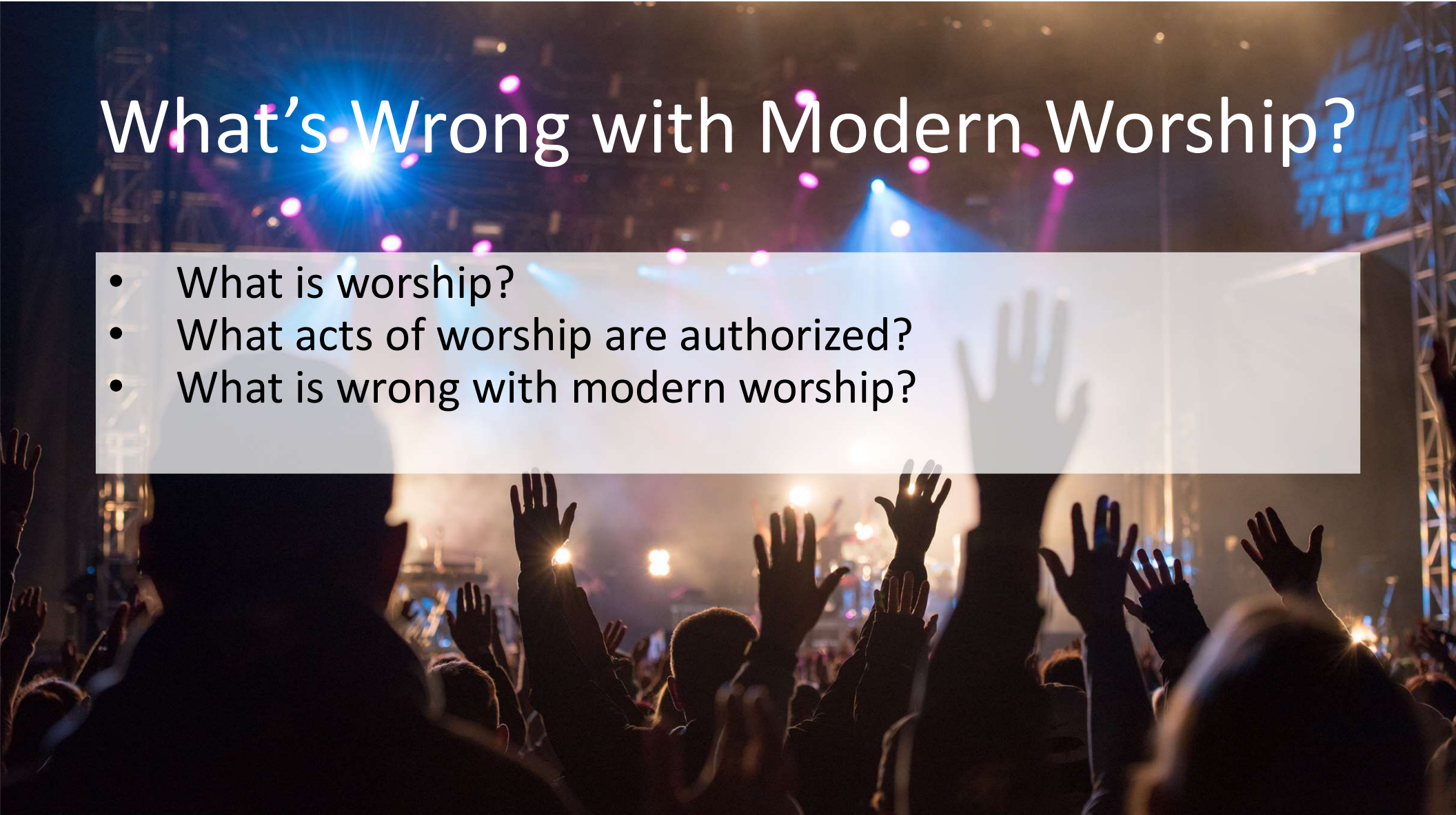
“Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given orders to the churches of Galatia, so you must do also: On the first day of the week let each one of you lay something aside, storing up as he may prosper, that there be no collections when I come.”

I Corinthians 11:20-30 (NKJV)

“Therefore when you come together in one place, it is not to eat the Lord's Supper. For in eating, each one takes his own supper ahead of others; and one is hungry and another is drunk. What! Do you not have houses to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God and shame those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you in this? I do not praise you. For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me." In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes. Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep.”

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THE CHRISTIAN POST

Keith Getty: Modern worship mov't is 'utterly dangerous' causing 'de-Christianizing of God's people'

By Leah MarieAnn Kleit, Assistant Editor



Keith and Kristyn Getty are the preeminent married musicians in contemporary Christian music.

"In Christ Alone" writer Keith Getty is warning church leaders about a "cultural relevance" that is "utterly dangerous" and "de-Christianizing of God's people."

Thinking to Believe

February 2, 2015

Lyrical heresies: What's wrong with modern worship songs

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Singing is a spiritual exercise (Psalms; Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16). Few things can open up hearts to God like beautiful music and meaningful lyrics. The effects of music on the soul are nothing short of amazing. That is why virtually all Christian congregations feature music in their services. But what we sing about is just as important as the fact that we are singing. After all, singing the latest Taylor Swift song would not be deemed spiritual just because it was sung in church. Content matters. But not just any 'ol content that mentions God will do either.



I have been increasingly concerned over the years with the lyrical content of mainstream "worship" songs. Many of our songs suffer from theological anorexia. There's not enough theological content in them to make the Devil yawn, yet alone choke. They are so generic that one may have a hard time telling what God they are talking about (if God is even mentioned). Then there are the "God of my girlfriend" songs that are spiritually androgynous. One can't tell whether they are singing about their love for God or their love for their girlfriend. Finally, there are songs some have called "7-11" songs: They contain seven words sung 11 times. If you want to know what theologically robust songs look like, get yourself a hymnal that's more than 30 years old. They are pregnant with theological substance.

Theologically Lean

Theologically Wrong

Other songs we sing are fraught with theological error. No, we don't feel angels' wings brushing our face. No, it's not true that "the little Lord Jesus no crying he makes." He cried like every other baby.

Galatians 5:24(NKJV)

“And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.”

Romans 1:25(NKJV)

“who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.”

James 1:21(NKJV)

“Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.”

Romans 1:16(NKJV)

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.”

Hebrews 4:12(NKJV)

“For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”

John 6:26,27(NKJV)

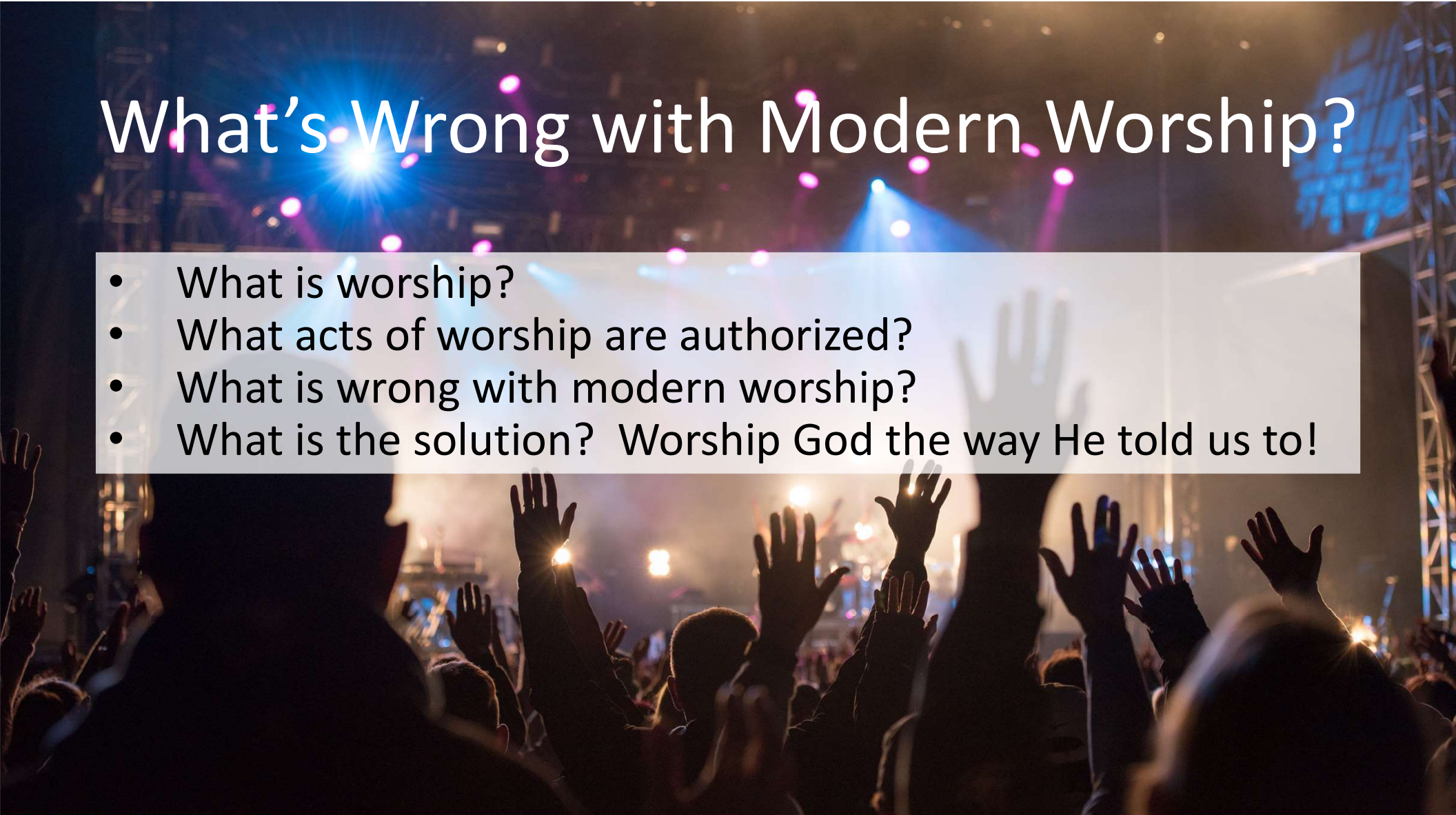
“Jesus answered them and said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw the signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled. "Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you, because God the Father has set His seal on Him."”

Hebrews 5:11-14(NKJV)

“of whom we have much to say, and hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing. For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.”

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Psalm 95:6(NKJV)

“Oh come, let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.”

Hebrews 13:15(NKJV)

“Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name.”

I Samuel 15:22(NKJV)

“Then Samuel said: "Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, As in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, And to heed than the fat of rams.”

Leviticus 10:1-3(NKJV)

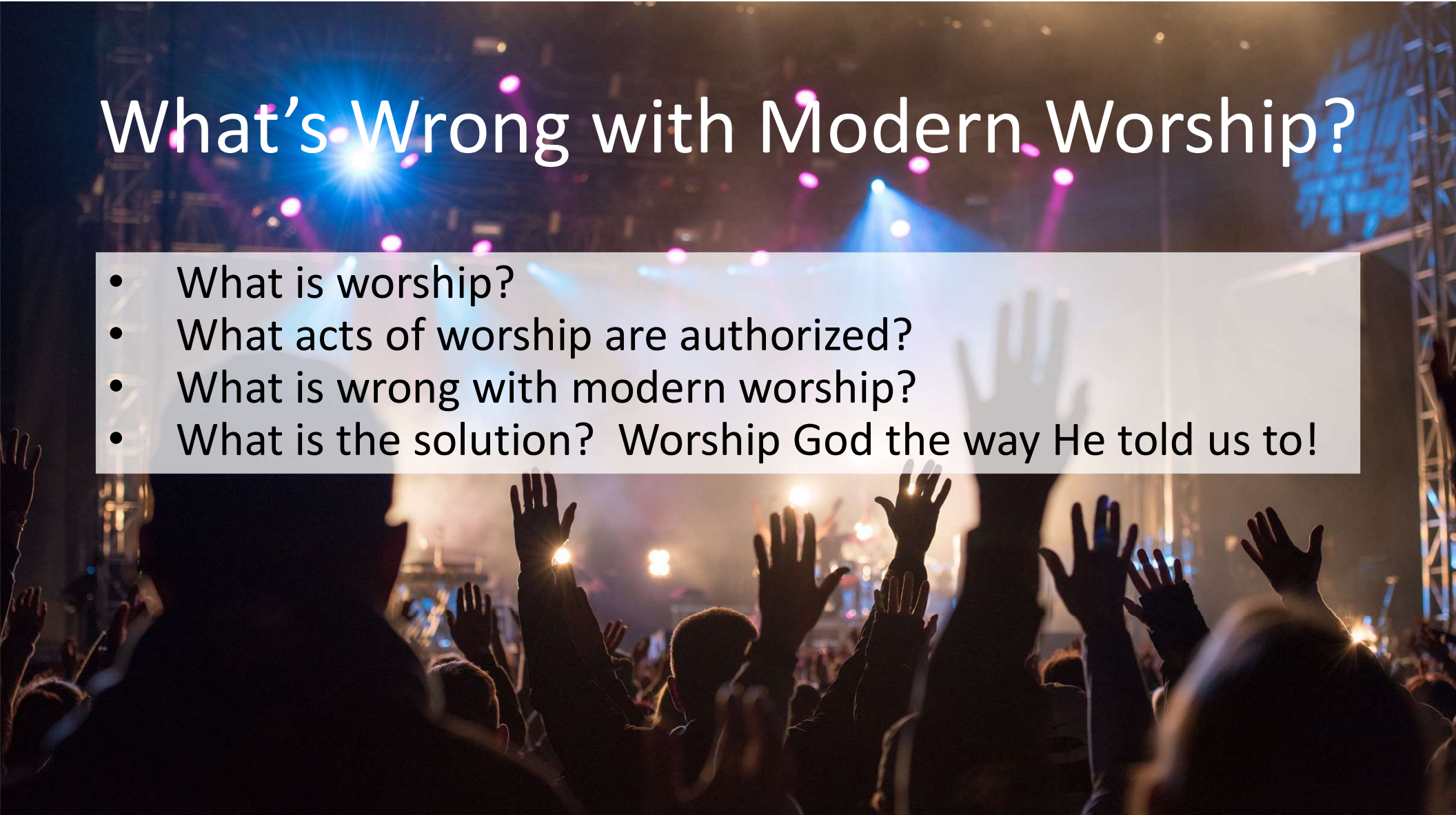
“Then Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, each took his censer and put fire in it, put incense on it, and offered profane fire before the LORD, which He had not commanded them. So fire went out from the LORD and devoured them, and they died before the LORD. And Moses said to Aaron, "This is what the LORD spoke, saying: 'By those who come near Me I must be regarded as holy; And before all the people I must be glorified.'" So Aaron held his peace.”

John 4:23,24(NKJV)

“But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”

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