

Flagging

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Its Purpose, Power and Perfection

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Section 1 My Flag Testimony

I was abused from birth on for 40 years. So when I became a believer, I had a lot of healing and deliverance issues. I worked through Prayers That Heal the Heart (<https://www.cwgministries.org/store/prayers-heal-heart>) and deliverance. Although I got a lot of freedom from healing and deliverance, I did not know how to walk a lot of it out. It is possible to be set free, yet not know how to live free. It is like living in a cage without bars, like living on a short leash. Flagging helped me dismantle the cage. In my spirit and journaling, I kept hearing, "lift up a standard," and I thought it meant to pray harder. I did not know how to pray harder than what I was already praying. But when somebody put a flag in my hand, I realized it meant to lift up a standard - a FLAG.

There is a lot of programming that goes on with long-term abuse: do not talk or feel; your body is not your own, but it is there for other people to use and abuse; and if you do not comply with abuse, you are selfish and ill-willed.

First of all, I found that as I flagged, I was using the flag as a statement to reclaim my body and my personal space and dedicate it to the Lord. With my flag I was claiming my body as a temple of the Holy Spirit and not an object for abuse. Second, I had a lot of difficulty talking, because part of the abuse programming teaches you not to talk; but the Holy Spirit gave me a flag language of prophetic movements to communicate. I was able to get my voice back by using this nonverbal language as a bridge to communicate. Third, the programming of abuse also teaches you not to feel, but it is hard to enter into worship emotionless. Using these movements with song and dance helped me line up my emotions, body, soul and spirit to worship on a deeper level. So I got an even higher level of healing and deliverance from flagging.

In summary, I was able to use flags to (1) reclaim my body and personal space; (2) have a love language with the Lord and a way to delight myself in the Lord; and (3) bring emotions into worship, a way to stir my spirit. After doing these three things, I found I could take each a step further.

After I reclaimed my body and personal space, I found I could use the flag to claim other territory for the Lord. For example, you can use a flag to intercede for land or a building, similar to how a country places its flag on government buildings. The flag makes a statement in the spiritual realm of who owns the property. I also found that as I felt free to worship with flags, it helped others feel free to bring emotions into worship. Also, I could intercede for myself and others with my passionate flag language from Holy Spirit.

I have spoken with other passionate older flaggers. Many of us have similar testimonies of healing and deliverance while flagging.

Christian Songs/Praise/Worship:

I was effectively able to accomplish this, using praise or worship songs; but Christian songs that are neither praise nor worship did not benefit me and sometimes would drag me down.

There are many different definitions of praise and worship. The one I like is: Praise God for what He has done, and worship God for who He is. Some Christian songs do neither of those. They are about our issues in life, our difficulties in finding the Lord, or adversities we might face. Those types of songs do not usually benefit me. I am not here to be a critic of Christian music,

but not everything you hear on the Christian radio station is uplifting. Since I was in the process of healing, I needed to make sure the music I chose was uplifting.

In the following sections I want to teach you some of the things I have learned from the Bible and Holy Spirit about flagging and some flag language and prophetic movements that you can use. This section is a teaching on how flags have enhanced healing, deliverance, evangelism and worship. There will also be [videos](#) with a short teaching and a demonstration with flags on how to use prophetic movements and flag language.

Flagging to music is so powerful; because when you use flag language with music, it sets the song right into the fiber of your being, like your muscle memory can recall it. It is a visual declaration and prayer in the spiritual realm. In troubled times people will often lean upon a song before they lean upon a message. Just as Saul called David to play his harp for him when Saul was depressed, also sometimes people can recall a song that was flagged easier than they can the message.

So in summary, flagging is not entertainment. It is a love language with the Lord, a way to delight yourself in the Lord, to stir your spirit, a tool to take you into greater intimacy. It can also be used for evangelism, worship, healing and deliverance. Flagging does not make a person any more spiritual than a person who does not flag. Many people enter in without using any tools, and that is great for them. Some of us need a tool to help us engage and break down walls and barriers.

I use the Four Keys (<https://www.cwgministries.org/store/4-keys-hearing-gods-voice?campaignid=60344024&variant=1>) when flagging, and that is how I got my flag language. I change the fourth key to flagging rather than writing.

Flagging is an act of your will that helps engage your body to express your love to the Lord. This unites your mind, will and emotions to love the Lord with all your heart. You choose as an act of your will to say, "I will not grumble; but I will worship because God is good, and He deserves my worship." I choose to pick up my standard, walk through the valley and keep on fighting. Use the flag as a tool to rule your spirit to line up with the Word of God (Proverbs 16:32). Flagging is my love language that brings my mind, will and emotions together so I can express my love to the Lord completely, so I can worship in spirit and truth. Just as David used his harp, I use a flag.

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Section 2 Attitude Etiquette

Attitude poem by Charles Swindol:

“The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. Attitude, to me, is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than success, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness or skill. It will make or break a company... a church... a home. The remarkable thing is that we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. The only thing we can do is the one thing we have, and that is our attitude... I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it. And so it is with you... we are in charge of our attitudes.”

Attitude: It is OUR job to fix our attitude.

- I have set the Lord before me... I shall not be moved (Psalm 16:8).
- I stir up the gift of God (2 Timothy 1:6).
- I encourage myself in the Lord (Paul and David) (1 Samuel 30:6).
- I trust in the Lord (Proverbs 3:5-6).
- I seek the Lord (Psalm 34:4; 1 Chronicles 16:11).
- I cry out to the Lord... I make supplication... I pour out my complaint... I show Him my trouble... I cry unto Thee, O LORD (Psalm 142).
- I walk through the valley... I will fear no evil (Psalm 23).
- I lift up my eyes (Psalm 121:1).
- I seek the Lord with all my heart (Jeremiah 29:13).
- I believe (John 3:16).
- I have faith (Mark 11:22-24).
- I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (Philippians 4:13).
- I lift up my standard (Isaiah 62:10; Jeremiah 51:27).

My understanding is that I pick up my banner, and I make the effort. The flag is just a worship tool to help me rule my spirit. I do not sit in the pew waiting until I feel something or waiting for the worship team to stir me. I am the one who stirs myself. I need to create the atmosphere that I want. It does help if I like the music and atmosphere. But if I do not like the music and the worship team does not sing in tune, I still get up, pick up my banner and set the Lord before me. In fact, if the worship team is out of tune, I believe my effort can make up the difference for those who have not yet learned how to encourage themselves in the Lord. I make myself to be the thermostat, not the thermometer.

The Bible says God is looking for worshipers, not worship. God is looking for YOU. He wants your heart and will. Worship is not an event, but a lifestyle, an attitude. A musician has an instrument or voice. A flagger has a flag. But being a worshiper is a lifestyle. Your heart and your will are your instruments. Keep your heart pure. Make your offering of worship pure.

Flags are my love language and how I delight myself in the Lord, encourage myself in the Lord and stir my spirit. Flags are a celebration of my healing and deliverance. It is not about how pretty your flags are, how talented your moves are, or how skilled your dance. It is about your

relationship with Abba and your passionate love language. Enthroning the Lord will dethrone the enemy!

Flags are not a tool to show off, as that would be worshiping self. Make sure your heart is worshiping and not entertaining. Flagging is not a time to try to get brownie points from God, because that is manipulative. Flags do not make you more spiritual, anointed or better than anyone else. Flags are a form of external worship, but they should be a sign for what is going on with your internal worship. You worship from your heart. Flags can help you move from the flesh to the spirit. Just as assuming different positions in prayer and worship mean different things, what you do with the flag makes a statement in the spiritual realm for praise, worship and warfare. It is a visual, spiritual communication. Worship is not a spectator sport, and flags are not there to be a spectacle.

I have been in situations where I felt like the environment was not worshipful, but fleshly, and the music was not worship music. That was a difficult situation. In such a situation you must, as always, listen to the Holy Spirit. Not all Christian music is praise or worship. Christian music that sings about our problems in life, struggles or our searches for God is not praise or worship. There are many different definitions for praise and worship. The ones I like is that we praise God for what He has done and worship Him for who He is. Worship is love expressed. Personally, I have had great difficulty flagging to music that is neither praise nor worship. In fact, some of the songs on the radio can actually dampen my spirit, because they are not even biblical. If you find your spirit is dragging, evaluate the music. Make sure it is biblical, that it is praise and worship, that you are not singing about your woes of life, hoping God will save you someday. He has already given us Jesus, and we are celebrating Jesus. We will discuss praise and worship further in a later section.

Heart Attitude:

Out of your innermost being will flow...(John 7:38). While flagging, there are quite a few things you do with your heart and mind. You can release the song into the atmosphere with prophetic flags and gestures. You can be doing spiritual warfare and intercession. You can have a heart attitude of taking the congregation to a higher level of intimacy, standing in the gap, crying out for slumbering spirits to wake up. You can release blessings. You can devote yourself to your Heavenly Father with personal praise and worship. I know some churches that do not want you doing any intercession on behalf of the church or people in it if you are not a member or part of their intercessor team. I usually honor the church's rules unless the Holy Spirit directs me otherwise.

Flag Etiquette:

Flags take a lot of space, and not all churches have space. It is not okay to take up space that worshipers without flags would want to use. Not all churches allow flags. Honor the church's rules. Many churches have no idea what flag ministry is; so even if you ask, you might not get the right answer.

If you flag facing the worship team, you are acting as a part of the worship congregation. If you flag facing the congregation, you are suggesting you are a part of the praise team. Beware of what the church you are in allows. Be cautious flagging over people who might not want you near them. Do not use another person's flags without consent - some people are very territorial and protective over their flags. Do not go on stage without permission. Flags can be dangerous, because you can hit someone if you are not careful. Honor other flaggers.

Respect any national flags and do not violate national flag protocol. Be aware that national flags are often considered to be living entities! They are shown respect like a living symbol. It is usually considered disrespectful to allow a national flag to touch the ground. I do not consider worship flags as living entities. To me, they are a worship tool. I also do not salute or honor a worship flag as one would a national flag. I use worship flags to show honor to the Lord and demonstrate the worship song. There are specific moves I use where I drag a flag on the ground, such as when I am depicting the train of the Lord's robe filling the temple (Isaiah 6:1). Also, I will plant one flag on the ground and raise one in the air to depict standing on the firm foundation. I also drop my flags low to depict things in the kingdom of darkness and sin. Some people do not want their worship flags to touch the ground - we need to respect their desires.

Know how to handle rejection. Not everyone understands or appreciates the use of worship tools or any display of emotion. Some people were afraid of looking at Moses' shining face when he came off the mountain after worshiping the Lord. Not everyone will appreciate your joy. Even if the Lord has called you to lift up a standard, that does not mean that others will understand or accept your calling. The Lord called me to flag; so in order to be obedient to the Lord, I had to change churches, because the church I was attending did not allow flags.

Colossians 3:17:

"And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God, the Father, through Him."

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Section 3 Verses

There are quite a few flag verses in the Bible, but they are not all found using the word, "flag." Other names for flags in the Bible are: banner, standard, ensign, sail, sign, pole, signal, bow. One of the names of God is Jehovah-Nissi, meaning "the Lord is my banner." I do not have time to go over every verse, so I will pick a few of my favorite verses.

Flag Verses:

- Flags used as a statement of faith and to bestow honor to God:

Exodus 17:9-15

Moses held his rod up with his hands up (like a flag as a statement of faith) as Joshua fought and won... Then Moses built an altar and named it Jehovah-Nissi (the Lord is my banner) to honor God. The name for the altar reflected Moses' prophetic act of holding up his rod (like a standard).

- Flags used to declare allegiance and mark territory:

There are quite a few verses in the Old Testament instructing the Israelites to camp by their tribe standard. I will share just two of them.

Numbers 1:52

"The sons of Israel shall camp, each man by his own camp, and each man by his own standard, according to their armies."

Numbers 2:2

"The sons of Israel shall camp, each by his own standard, with the banners of their fathers' households; they shall camp around the tent of meeting at a distance."

In these verses we see that flags were used to claim and identify territory. That is what we do today with our national flags, and we can also do it in the spiritual realm, claiming territory for the Lord. This is a good spiritual warfare tactic, as it sets up a visual proclamation that an area has been dedicated to the Lord.

- Flags used to boast a victory:

Psalms 20:5

"We will sing for joy over your victory, And in the name of our God we will set up our banners. May the Lord fulfill all your petitions."

Here a flag is used as a boast of victory and a request for petitions.

- Flags used as an emblem of beauty:

Ezekiel 27:7

"Your sail was of fine embroidered linen from Egypt. So that it became your distinguishing mark; Your awning was blue and purple from the coastlands of Elishah."

Here we see a sail being used as a banner, and it was a distinguishing mark. We also see that there seems to be a statement of excellence, because it says they used fine embroidered linen.

Psalms 60:4

“You have given a banner to those who fear You, That it may be displayed because of the truth.”

In this verse I am not sure if the banner is visible in the natural realm, and it may not be made of cloth.

- Flags (standards) used to identify nations and people groups:

Isaiah 5:26

“He will also lift up a standard to the distant nation.”

Isaiah 11:12

“And He will lift up a standard for the nations.”

Isaiah 49:22

“Thus says the Lord God, ‘Behold, I will lift up My hand to the nations. And set up My standard to the peoples.’”

Isaiah 62:10

“Go through, go through the gates, Clear the way for the people; Build up, build up the highway, Remove the stones, lift up a standard over the peoples.”

Jeremiah 4:6

“Lift up a standard toward Zion!”

Here we see the standard being used for people groups and nations.

- Flags used to declare warfare:

Isaiah 13:2

“This was an oracle that Isaiah saw...Lift up a standard on the bare hill, Raise your voice to them.”

- Flags used to give a clarion call:

Jeremiah 51:27

“Lift up a signal in the land, Blow a trumpet among the nations! Consecrate the nations against her.”

Jeremiah 51:12

“Lift up a signal upon the walls of Babylon.”

Here we see the flag being used for an announcement and prophetic proclamation.

Isaiah 5:26

“He will lift up a standard in a distant nation.”

- Flags used to announce our allegiance:

Isaiah 11:10

“Then, in that day, the nations will resort to the root of Jesse, who will stand for a signal for the peoples; and his resting place will be glorious.”

- Flags used to communicate:

Isaiah 18:3

“All you inhabitants of the world and dwellers on earth, As soon as a standard is raised on the mountains, you will see it, And as soon as the trumpet is blown, you will hear it.”

Here it is used as an announcement and for direction.

- Flags used to signal God’s presence for warfare:

Isaiah 59:19

“So shall they fear the name of the Lord from the west, and His glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him.”

- Flags used as a covering and expression of love:

Song of Solomon 2:4

“His banner over me is love.”

- Flags used as an expression of love, honor and respect:

All four gospels describe using palm branches as flags waved for Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday.

- Flags used as a wave offering:

There are several types of wave offerings in the Old Testament where they wave food before the Lord and then give it to the priests. Some were weekly and some were yearly. A barley wave offering is a symbol for Jesus and is done in the Passover realm. The wheat wave offering is a symbol of the church filled with the Holy Spirit and is done at Pentecost.

During the Feast of Tabernacles they waved palm branches. It represented the presence and covering of the king.

- Flags used to represent Jesus being lifted up:

John 12:32 - Jesus, the ultimate banner:

“If I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people unto Myself.”

Jesus was lifted up on a tree, like a banner, which is interesting because his banner over us is love. And, Jehovah-Nissi - the Lord is our banner.

Jesus in us makes us a banner in the world today.

Being a standard bearer is NOT about performing. It is about ministering unto the Lord. The “manual of arms” is the Word of God. The flag is just a symbol, a worship tool. Other forms of worship tools are musical instruments, shofars, special garments, spiritual objects.

- Flags often used to release a sound:

Ezekiel 1:24

“And when they went, I heard the sound of their wings like the sound of many waters, the sound of the Almighty, a sound of tumult like the sound of an army.”

Some people use a thicker material for their flags so they can purposely make a snapping sound that goes along with the music. The sound of a flag is usually not heard when there is loud worship music unless the flag is snapped. When flags are used during prayer, the sound can sometimes be heard. Flags can be made of materials that make a louder whooshing sound when waved, if desired.

Additional flag verses

Isaiah 11:10, Isaiah 11:12, Isaiah 13:2, Isaiah 18:3, Isaiah 30:17, Isaiah 31:9, Isaiah 62:10, Jeremiah 51:27

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Section 4 Praise and Worship

There are over ten different Hebrew, Greek and Aramaic words for praise and worship. It can be anything from a quiet reverential bowing down to a loud boisterous praise. We cannot criticize another person's form of worship, as long as their heart is genuine. But there is a place for a quiet resting "selah" and a loud boisterous praise.

Praise God for what He has done. Worship God for who He is. Worship is our response to His worth - it is love expressed. Worship is warfare, and praise is a weapon; but when used merely as a weapon, it is not praise and worship. If we enter worship with an ulterior motive of warfare, then it is a form of intercession or manipulation, not worship.

- Praise sets the captives free:

1 Samuel 16:23

"And it came to pass, when the evil spirit from God was upon Saul, that David took a harp, and played with his hand: So Saul was refreshed, and was well, and the evil spirit departed from him."

Consider this: If music can repel a demon, it can probably attract one, also. Be conscious of what you listen to.

- Praise opens the prison doors:

Acts 16:25-26

"About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone's bonds were unfastened."

- Praise causes the enemy to flee:

2 Chronicles 20:20-23

20 "And they rose early in the morning and went out into the wilderness of Tekoa. And when they went out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, 'Hear me, Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem! Believe in the LORD your God, and you will be established; believe his prophets, and you will succeed.' 21 And when he had taken counsel with the people, he appointed those who were to sing to the LORD and praise him in holy attire, as they went before the army, and saying, 'Give thanks to the LORD, for His steadfast love endures forever.' 22 And when they began to sing and praise, the LORD set an ambush against the men of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah, so that they were routed. 23 For the men of Ammon and Moab rose against the inhabitants of Mount Seir, devoting them to destruction, and when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Seir, they all helped to destroy one another."

- Praise brings joy:

Psalms 16:11

"You make known to me the path of life; in Your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore."

- Praise gives strength:

Psalm 8:2

“Out of the mouth of babies and infants, You have established strength because of Your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.”

Matthew 21:16

“Yes; have you never read, ‘Out of the mouth of infants and nursing babies You have prepared praise?’”

Hebrews 13:15 - Sacrifice of praise

“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.”

Genesis 22:5

“Abraham said... ‘the lad and I will go yonder and worship.’”

To me a sacrifice of praise is praise offered in adverse circumstances.

Psalm 8:2 - Praise establishes a stronghold and silences the enemy.

“Through the praise of children and infants You have established a stronghold against Your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.”

Isaiah 61:3 - Praise relieves (depression) spirit of heaviness.

“To console those who mourn in Zion, to give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they may be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified.”

Psalm 18:3 - Praise honors God.

“I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies.”

Psalm 22:3

“God inhabits the praises of His people.”

Psalm 100:4

“Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him, and bless His name.”

Philippians 4:4

“Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice.”

2 Samuel 6:12-23 - Undignified praise - David danced.

12 “Now King David was told, ‘The Lord has blessed the household of Obed-Edom and everything he has, because of the ark of God.’ So David went to bring up the ark of God from the house of Obed-Edom to the City of David with rejoicing. 13 When those who were carrying the ark of the Lord had taken six steps, he sacrificed a bull and a fattened calf. 14 Wearing a linen ephod, David was dancing before the Lord with all his might, 15 while he and all Israel were bringing up the ark of the Lord with shouts and the sound of trumpets. 16 As the ark of the Lord was entering the City of David, Michal, daughter of Saul, watched from a window. And

when she saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord, she despised him in her heart. 17 They brought the ark of the Lord and set it in its place inside the tent that David had pitched for it, and David sacrificed burnt offerings and fellowship offerings before the Lord. 18 After he had finished sacrificing the burnt offerings and fellowship offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the Lord Almighty. 19 Then he gave a loaf of bread, a cake of dates and a cake of raisins to each person in the whole crowd of Israelites, both men and women. And all the people went to their homes. 20 When David returned home to bless his household, Michal, daughter of Saul, came out to meet him and said, 'How the king of Israel has distinguished himself today, going around half-naked in full view of the slave girls of his servants as any vulgar fellow would!' 21 David said to Michal, 'It was before the Lord, who chose me rather than your father or anyone from his house when he appointed me ruler over the Lord's people Israel. So I will celebrate before the Lord. 22 I will become even more undignified than this, and I will be humiliated in my own eyes. But by these slave girls you spoke of, I will be held in honor.' 23 And Michal, the daughter of Saul, had no children to the day of her death."

Note: We need to be careful about criticizing a person's worship, because Saul's daughter was barren for criticizing David's worship.

Pure Worship:

Not everything we offer God in worship is acceptable to Him. Things used to worship other gods are not acceptable.

Exodus 32:1-6 - The golden calf was an offering given in the wrong spirit.

2 Kings 17:31-33 - We see people offering children to their gods.

Genesis 4:4-5 - Able brought fruit of the flocks, and Cain brought the fruit of the ground. God was not pleased with Cain's offering.

1 Samuel 15:22 - It is better to obey than to sacrifice.

2 Samuel 6:7 - When Uzzah touched the ark of the covenant, he was struck down for disobedience. He had good intentions but still lost his life.

Leviticus 10:1-3 - strange fire

"Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took either of them his sensor and put fire there in, and put incense thereon, and offered strange fire before the Lord, which He commanded them not. And the Lord devoured them, and they died before the Lord."

Ananias and Sapphira died for lying about their offering.

Vain Worship:

Matthew 15:8-9

"But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men."

We worship God, not a ritual or doctrine or flags or dance or art forms. It is NOT about how good we are at flagging, but what is in our hearts.

Intentional Worship:

In the Psalms, we see David commanding his soul to praise and worship the Lord, and he reminds his soul not to forget the Lord's benefits.

Psalms 103:1-2

"Bless the Lord O my soul. ...and forget not His benefits."

Proverbs 16:32

"...He who rules his spirit is better than he who captures a city."

We are a very feeling-oriented culture, but it appears David ruled his spirit.

Psalms 25:1

"Unto Thee O Lord, do I lift up my soul."

David tells his soul to remember the Lord.

Psalms 42:5-6

"Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise Him, my Savior and my God. My soul is downcast within me; therefore I will remember You from the land of the Jordan."

David tells his soul to hope in God.

Psalms 43:5

"Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise Him, my Savior and my God."

Psalms 104:1

"Bless the Lord O my soul."

Psalms 146:1-2

"Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord, my soul. I will praise the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live."

So it is biblically okay to talk to yourself!

For me, using flags and prophetic movements helps me have intentional worship, as opposed to lazy worship.

IMPORTANT

Matthew 6:33

"Seek ye first the kingdom..."

Although praise and worship do all these wonderful things, we do not worship in order to get. We worship to honor the Lord. If we worship just to get something from God, we pollute our worship and turn it into bartering and begging with God - ulterior motives. Worship is warfare, and praise is a weapon; but when used merely as a weapon, it is not praise and worship. We worship because He is worthy, not to get something.

If you have to start in the flesh, it is okay, as long as you finish in the spirit. Your intimacy in worship intimidates the enemy. As you flag, do not try to use God; let God use you. Be the vessel, not the spectacle. You do not want to be a distraction, but an asset. You want to be in one accord with the pastor and the rest of the worship team.

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[Section 5](#) Prayers

Just as you pray over your food or a vehicle or dedicate a ministry or building, I believe it is good to dedicate yourself and the flag and place an assignment on the flag.

“I dedicate myself as a minister unto the Lord, to be a standard bearer in the Kingdom of God, and I dedicate myself and my standard (flag) to the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. I present my body to the Lord as a living sacrifice, as an act of worship. I commit my way, myself and my flag to the LORD, and He will establish my plans. May I be an instrument of worship in His hands. With my flag I claim territory for the Lord, dominion over the earth and His power in the atmosphere. As I raise my standard, I will uproot, overthrow, tear down, destroy the works of the enemy, and build and plant for the Kingdom of God. People will turn and be healed.

“As I lift up the standard, I stand as a king and priest calling as it is in heaven, so on earth. I declare and decree that as I lift up the standard, that the Lord is preeminent. As I lift up the standard, I declare the Lord is worthy to be praised. In the name of God, I set up my banner. May everyone who gazes upon the standard come to know the Lord. I put on the mantle of worship and stand as a standard bearer in the army of the Lord. My flag will be an arrow in the hand of a warrior. I put on a mantle of worship and a garment of praise.

“As I lift up the standard, I carry and release rivers of living water from my innermost being. As I lift up my standard, may I be a demonstration of His presence. May I use the gifts and talents He has given me to lead others into the throne room. May I ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name. I dedicate my flag for praise, worship, thanksgiving and warfare. I declare that the Lord will be honored, and Jesus will shine forth - less of me and more of Him. My flag will be a signal to the Lord, like the rod of Aaron.

“I stir the atmosphere to release praises to the Lord. I release winds of revival. I declare and decree that my flags will call, speak and release the message of the gospel. My flag will be a clarion call and make a statement for the Kingdom of God. I put an assignment on my flag for territory for the Lord, authority over the atmosphere and dominion over the earth with jurisdiction and ability. I engage the power of the words of the song to reach out and touch the hearts of listeners.”

I picked up my flags. I raised them up as a standard against the enemy. I danced on my disappointment, and the Lord came out strong and victorious on my behalf. Lift a banner and claim your territory in the name of Jesus. Thank you, Jesus, for inviting me as a standard bearer in Your army.

“Father, as we rise up with the fire of God in our bones, may our dance and flags release a passionate fire that sets everyone ablaze for the Lord. May our flags fan the flames of desire that touches everyone with Your presence. May they know they have been touched by the passionate fire of Your love. Release a spirit of excellence and glory.

“My praise is a sanctuary and scepter in Your hand. Preserve the place of Your presence with praise. By this may I know You. My praise will go forth first, and the hand of praise will be on the neck of the enemy. May we shout for joy over Your victory and lift up our banners in Your name.”

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[Section 6](#) Inanimate Objects Have a Voice

In the Bible things without a mouth speak. God speaks through things. He spoke out of a whirlwind. He spoke through a donkey.

- Genesis 4:10 - The voice of the blood of Abel cries out.
- Romans 8:28 - The earth is groaning...
- James 5:4 - Money speaks: "The wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, cry out against you."
- Psalm 19:1-4 - Heavens declare: 1 "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. 2 Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. 3 There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. 4 Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world."
- Luke 19:40; Habakkuk 2:11 - Rocks cry out.
- Isaiah 55:12 - Hills break forth into singing.
- Romans 10:6 - Faith speaks: "But the righteousness of faith speaks..."
- 2 Corinthians 4:13 - It is written: "'I believed; therefore I have spoken.' Since we have that same spirit of faith, we also believe and therefore speak."
- Isaiah 42:11 - "Let the wilderness and the cities lift up their voices..."
- Judges 9:8-15 - 8 "One day the trees went out to anoint a king for themselves. They said to the olive tree, 'Be our king.' 9 But the olive tree answered, 'Should I give up my oil, by which both gods and humans are honored, to hold sway over the trees?' 10 Next, the trees said to the fig tree, 'Come and be our king.' 11 But the fig tree replied, 'Should I give up my fruit, so good and sweet, to hold sway over the trees?' 12 Then the trees said to the vine, 'Come and be our king.' 13 But the vine answered, 'Should I give up my wine, which cheers both gods and humans, to hold sway over the trees?' 14 Finally all the trees said to the thornbush, 'Come and be our king.' 15 The thornbush said to the trees, 'If you really want to anoint me king over you, come and take refuge in my shade; but if not, then let fire come out of the thornbush and consume the cedars of Lebanon!'"
- Isaiah 24:7 - The new wine mourns.
- Habakkuk 2:11; Luke 19:40 - The stones will cry out.

So we are using the flag as a voice. It does not have a mouth, but it has a message. It communicates. We can place an assignment on our flags.

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Section 7 Prophetic Acts, Objects and Arts

- Numbers 21:9 - Moses made a bronze snake on a stick; and anyone that looked at it after being bitten, was healed.
- 2 Kings 13:15-17 - Elisha had King Joash shoot an arrow out a window to signify he will defeat the Arameans.
- 2 Kings 13:18 - Elisha told the king to strike the ground with his arrows. He only struck the ground three times, so Elisha was mad. If the king would have struck the ground five times, he would have won the battle completely against Aram.
- Exodus 17:12-13 - Moses held up his hands with his rod as Joshua defeated the Amalakites.
- Ezekiel 4:4-8 - Ezekiel laid on his left side for 390 days for the iniquity of the house of Israel, and then on his right side for 40 days for the iniquity of the house of Judah. Then ropes were put on him.
- Hosea 1:2-4 - Hosea was told to marry a prostitute and have children with her to demonstrate the infidelity of the children of Israel.
- 1 Kings 18:42-46 - Elijah went to the top of Mount Carmel and bowed down to pray with his face between his knees.
- Acts 21:11 - A prophet named Agabus took Paul's belt and tied up his hands and feet and told Paul that he would be bound in Jerusalem.

Prophetic gestures:

- Bowing down
- Standing up
- Raising your hands
- Shouting
- Singing
- Crying out
- Lifting up

Testimony:

To me I have found that different flags and the size and nature of the flags speak differently. Just as there are languages and dialects, flags also have languages and dialects, and a prophetic act with one flag might not be possible or mean the same thing with another. Also, the nature of a song can change the meaning of different prophetic movements.

Prophetic objects have significance:

Objects in tabernacle: brazen altar and laver, table of show bread, candlestick, lampstand, altar of incense, ark of His presence, mercy seat, two tablets of stone, jar of manna, Aaron's rod.

Arts in the Bible:

- Colors and curtains of the tabernacle
- Adorning and embellishing of the ark of the covenant, menorah, candlesticks, articles in the temple
- Joseph's coat of many colors
- The Bible talks about beautiful feet, the earth, women, crowns.

[Section 8 Colors](#)

The Lord had specific colors that He wanted used throughout the tabernacle. So we see that color was significant to the Lord. Many times in the Bible saints are clothed in white. Gold and silver are used for holy things; and wood, hay and stubble are used for temporal things (1 Corinthians 3:12-13). Jesus was given a purple or red robe when they mocked him for saying that He is a king. Science has proven the significance that color has on people.

Some use of color is cultural. For example, if we in America see red, white and blue, we know it is American patriotism. If we see red and green, we think of Christmas. If we see green, it means to go or it is safe; and red means to stop or that it is unsafe. To us in America, white means purity, but to the Indian red is purity. In South America red means mourning. In Ghana and South Africa, people wear red to funerals. In America, brides wear white; in China, India, Korea and some other countries, they wear red. In Morocco, they wear vibrant colors. In the Tang dynasty, green is worn. In America we wear black or dark colors to a funeral, but in China and some other cultures they wear white to a funeral. In Thailand, they wear purple to a funeral. In the Bible, white is used for purity. In Revelation 3:5, "He who overcomes will be clothed in white." In the transfiguration, Jesus' robes became white (Matthew 17:2). In Revelation 15:6-7, the angels that carried the seven plagues wore white.

Color Meanings in American Culture:

- Red: blood, fire, salvation, blood of Jesus, love of Christ
- Gold: glory, kingship, holiness, deity (2 Timothy 2:20-21 - vessels of gold)
- Yellow: joy, anointing, sunlight
- Silver: word of God, wisdom, refining fire (Malachi 3:3 - refining fire)
- Purple: royalty, kingdom, majesty (Mark 15:17 - they dressed Jesus in purple)
- Orange: warrior, worship, revival
- White: purity, innocence, surrender (Isaiah 1:18 - "Though your sins be as scarlet they shall be white as snow.") (Matthew 17:2 - In Jesus' transfiguration, His garments were white as snow.) (The saints and elders in Revelation wore white.)
- Blue: heaven, living water, river of life, royalty and greatness (in Exodus, a primary color which the tabernacle was made of, also used for tablecloth)
- Green: healing, restoration, new beginnings, mercy
- Pink: heart of flesh, childlike faith, first love
- Black: bondage, sin, death, without light
- Bronze: strength, atonement, forgiveness
- Copper: washing, tabernacle, altar
- Brass: fire of testing
- Rainbow: promises, covenant, hope (Gen. 9 - bow) (Rev. 4:3 - rainbow around the throne)

Testimony:

Most flaggers have a favorite color. Some feel like they have been given an assignment of a color. I know two flaggers that say they have an assignment of white to release purity. Initially, my favorite color was red, to announce to the enemy that I am covered by the blood. But then I moved to gold, to announce and release the glory of God.

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Section 9 Garments, Physical and Spiritual

Physical Garments:

Garments speak loudly and have language just like flags do. I think we all know that women need to dress appropriately. If you have the ability to use the color for the message, it makes a big statement. I cringe when I see people doing praise dance in black leotards. I know that black is necessary for mime, but we do not need to let the enemy own the color, black. According to the Bible, the Lord hides in thick darkness (1 Kings 8:12). However, unless a person is depicting something from the kingdom of darkness, there are so many beautiful colors to choose for praise dance. In our culture and most cultures, leotards are not church attire but can be worn as undergarments.

Spiritual Garments:

I believe that our spiritual garments are more important than our physical garments.

- Clothed in Christ (Galatians 3:26)
- Armored with the armor of God (Ephesians 6:14-20); armored in light; cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light (Romans 13:12)
- Garment of glory (Exodus 28:2)
- Garment of honor (Exodus 28:2)
- Garment of praise (Isaiah 61:3)
- Put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience (Colossians 3:12)
- Put off the old self and put on the new (Colossians 3:9-10)
- Armed with strength to stand upon the heights (Psalm 18:32-34)
- Garment of salvation (Isaiah 61:10)
- Clothed with power from on high (Luke 24:49)
- Bind faith and love around your neck (Proverbs 3:3-6)
- Peace of God to guard your heart (Philippians 4:7)
- Washed with pure water and having a clean conscious (Hebrews 10:22)
- Crowned with love and tender mercies (Psalm 103:4)
- Everlasting joy upon our heads (Isaiah 51:11; Isaiah 35:10)
- Clothed with strength and dignity (Proverbs 31:25)
- Bannered with love (Song of Solomon 2:4)
- Shielded with favor (Psalm 5:2)
- Armored in righteousness (Isaiah 59:17)

There can be ungodly garments - garments of affliction, garments of shame, garments of poverty, garments of infirmity, grave clothes, old self. Remove all ungodly garments.

Testimony:

Being properly clothed spiritually is very important when ministering in church. If you have ever been to a church where the pastor is filled with anger and spews condemnation over the congregation, you will see that the congregation will also carry anger or remorse. I believe this is true for praise dance ministers, also.

I did have a season in my life when I was quite challenged by life's problems, and I could tell other people sensed my anxiety. I was having trouble turning it over to the Lord, and I did not

want to release that into the congregation. Even other people commented on what was going on. We need to release the goodness of God in our dance and not the garbage of life.

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Section 10 Things Happening With Fabric

Handkerchiefs:

Acts 19:11-12 - God did extraordinary miracles through Paul, so that even handkerchiefs and aprons that had touched him were taken to the sick; their illnesses were cured, and the evil spirits left them.

Hem of Garment:

Matthew, Mark and Luke all tell the story of a woman with a “discharge of blood” who “touched the fringe” of Jesus’ garment and was healed. Touching the hem of the garment was the physical act that demonstrated the faith of the woman to make her well (Matthew 9:20-22; Mark 5:25-34; Luke 8:43-48).

On another occasion, a crowd brought to Him “all who were sick and implored Him that they might only touch the fringe of his garment.” “As many as touched it were made well” (Matthew 14:34-36; cf. Mark 6:56).

Mantle of Elijah:

When Elisha picked up Elijah's mantle, he was able to do twice as many miracles as Elijah (2 Kings 2:8-14).

Prayer Shawl:

A prayer shawl or tallit can be wrapped around the shoulders to demonstrate being wrapped or covered by God which has tassels to remind them of the miracles of God. This may be the wings of Jesus that healed the woman with the issue of blood. There is healing in His wings (Malachi 4:2).

Holy Garments:

The Bible specified many different garments that a priest would wear including undergarments, hats, shoes, outer garments and a girdle (Exodus 39).

Ephod:

The ephod is a priestly garment that overlays his outer garment which carries significant symbolization. Ephods can be worn as overlays today.

Jesus wore a seamless robe.

God made Adam and Eve garments.

We see garments are significant to God. Although garments are significant, they are only external. God is clear that what He wants is your heart, and these garments are only to be a symbol and reminder of what is going on in your inner world and a testimony to the outer world of what is happening in your inner world.

Testimony:

I would have to say that most of the flagging I have done has been in my personal time, and I am more likely to wear pajamas. I am not a garment person. If it were appropriate to wear pajamas to church, I probably would! However, garments are talked about quite a bit in the Bible. It took me a very long time to find something I was comfortable wearing in church. I have a sensitivity to synthetics, which made purchasing online clothing difficult for me. So, in my personal time, I commune with the Lord just fine in pajamas. I believe that is because the Lord is looking at your heart and not what you are wearing. For those who do not have money to put

into expensive worship clothes, we have already discussed that the Lord wants YOU. He wants your heart, not a white-washed tomb (Matthew 23:27).

Another issue with flagging is the length of sleeves. In many cultures, it is not appropriate to have shoulders exposed in church. Praise dance garments often have long sleeves. I have found long sleeves can make it difficult with some flags, especially if the material is not synthetic. For me to have synthetic material on my arms is annoying. Also, I live in Florida, which means it is very hot, and long sleeves would tend to make you sweat. The Lord seems to have an issue with sweating (Ezekiel 44:15-18). Since I live in Florida and do not like synthetics on my arms, I usually wear short sleeves.

Women wearing pants is very cultural. Often dance teams want women to have an undergarment of pants or pants that resemble a skirt. I cannot tell you exactly what to wear, because there is so much culture involved in this issue. I do cringe when I see praise dancers wearing leotards with skimpy skirts.

You can see my garments in the [videos](#).

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[Section 11](#) Shadow Healing

Acts 5:15

“As a result, people brought the sick into the streets and laid them on beds and mats so that at least Peter’s shadow might fall on some of them as he passed by.”

People have reported healing under the shadow of the flag. I have seen people slain in the spirit under the flag. I and many other flaggers have experienced healing and deliverance while flagging.

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Section 12 Power in Inanimate Objects

- Ark of covenant - Power to produce wealth and to kill
- Rod of Moses - Produced water from a rock and turned into a snake and back, parted the Red Sea and brought victory in battles
- Rod of Aaron - Summoned the plagues in Egypt
- Brass serpent - To heal the people of Israel from the serpent bite
- Mantle of Elijah - Represented God's power
- Sacred temple cups/vessels - When Belshazar, his princes, wives and concubines drank from the sacred temple vessels, the finger of a man wrote on the wall.
- Sacrifices - All had significance - the sacrifice of Elijah and the priests of Baal; the fire of God that came and burned up Elijah's sacrifice, but not the priest of Baal.

I went through all of these things just to show how frequently in the Bible inanimate objects have power. I am not suggesting that flags have power in themselves, but there is a scriptural principle of some objects having power.

Significance of inanimate objects for the kingdom of darkness:

2 Chronicles 14:3 - We are told to remove:

- Ashtoreth poles
- Sacred stones
- Foreign altars and high places
- Incense altars to foreign gods

Since we are to remove them, there is some kind of significance that they carry.

Flags make a statement just as the trumpet makes a clarion call. 1 Corinthians 14:8 - "Again, if the trumpet does not sound a clear call, who will get ready for battle?" If our flag has a written or visual announcement on it, it can be a clarion call. When we lift up our standard, we are announcing our victory to the world that has already been paid for by Christ.

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[Section 13](#) Dance

There are many dance verses in the Bible.

Psalm 149:3

“Let them praise His name with dancing, making melody to Him with tambourine and lyre!”

Ecclesiastes 3:4

“A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance.”

Jeremiah 31:13

“Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy; I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.”

Psalm 30:11

“You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; You have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness.”

Psalm 150:4

“Praise Him with tambourine and dance; praise Him with strings and pipe!”

Exodus 15:20

“Then Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a tambourine in her hand, and all the women went out after her with tambourines and dancing.”

Matthew 11:16-17

“But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their playmates, ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.’”

Jeremiah 31:13-14

“Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy; I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.”

Judges 11:34

“Then Jephthah came to his home at Mizpah. And behold, his daughter came out to meet him with tambourines and with dances...”

2 Samuel 6:14-16

“And David danced before the Lord with all his might. And David was wearing a linen ephod. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the Lord with shouting and with the sound of the horn. As the ark of the Lord came into the city of David, Michal, the daughter of Saul, looked out of the window and saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord, and she despised him in her heart.”

Luke 15:23-25

“And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to celebrate. Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing.”

Acts 3:8

“And leaping up he stood and began to walk, and entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God.”

I know some churches frown on dancing, but there is a lot of dancing in the Bible!

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Section 14 What Happens When a Person Flags

If you are a left-brainer and only worship with your mind, a worship tool such as a flag will wake up the right brain and cause you to worship with your whole mind, will and emotion; because it forces your body to get involved. This wakes up your soul so you are not stuck in your mind but are also involving your heart. It is all about a relationship and whatever it takes for you to use the love language He has given you to express your passion. It helps you to awaken your soul, stir your spirit and encourage yourself in the Lord. Worship moves that cause your right and left hands to cross over your body are “brain gyms” stimulating your brain to function better and the lobes of the brain to communicate better, creating more congruence in your mind which helps you to engage better.

Flags are how I delight myself in the Lord and become one with the Word and release the river of water from within. Everyone is different. Some write or paint or play music. I flag.

It causes you to focus. It brings your body, mind, will and emotions together to stay focused on the Lord. If your mind wanders and strays during worship, it can move you from being double-minded (mind wandering) to single-minded. So it is a very effective tool for those with ADD or any of the alphabet soup diagnoses. A relationship involves focused communication, a congruent integration of body, soul and spirit.

Matthew 22:37

“Jesus replied, ‘You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’”

Why would the Bible say to love the Lord with all your mind, if your mind could not be divided. Your mind can include reason, knowledge, memory and imagination. If your mind strays in worship, your mouth might be singing praises, but you are wondering what is for lunch. Engaging your body with flags might bring your mind back on target. When you flag, you engage your body as an act of your will to express your love to the Lord. This allows you to express your love to the Lord with all your will. Love is not just a feeling; it is a choice. Sometimes in the midst of the battle, we do not feel like worshipping; but when we choose not to grumble but to pick up a flag and say, “I will worship because the Lord is good,” we have chosen as an act of our will to trust the Lord, believe His word, walk through the valley and keep on fighting. Personally, I have found that having a worship tool such as a flag can help me use my body to get my soul to line up with the Word of God. I have seen other people use prayer shawls, prayer cloths, Bibles, Jesus’ name, rods, swords, articles of clothing, musical instruments, song and dance. This is seen in the Bible with David and his harp and the bronze snake on a pole. There is a reason we are told to praise with instruments, dancing, singing and clapping. Flags can be the love language with Abba that brings your mind, will and emotions together to express your love to the Lord completely, so you can worship in spirit and truth.

To those who have a “flag language” as I do, it is a love language with your Heavenly Father. It is a form of communication.

When using your flag language, it is a prophetic act. The Bible is loaded with prophetic acts. Jesus is our Jehovah-Nissi (banner). Flags give you a tool to physically demonstrate that out of your innermost being you are releasing the flow of God. It is a form of intercession both in the physical and heavenly realms, especially when using your flag language and prayer. A flag is a visual prayer. It is a statement of agreement to what the song is saying. A visual Amen! It is a public statement/dedication that you are making that you believe and trust the Lord.

Flagging is a personal dedication of yourself and your personal space, territory and time that you are flagging unto the Lord. A flag is used to claim territory and dominion. When using a flag with a statement, it is a clarion call to anybody watching. It is a declaration in the spiritual realm to the host of Heaven, enemy invaders and the great cloud of witnesses.

Flags can be used as a tool for evangelism to rally the troops, route the enemy and to bestow honor. If you have a foreign guest, you display their flag as a form of honoring their presence. The same is in the spiritual realm.

Flags can function as a prayer cloth. I and many others have had healings under the shadow of the flag. Healing from the shadow of Peter is mentioned in the Bible.

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[Section 15](#) Worship Cure

Worship Cure: Healing after Worship

Matthew 8:1-2

“When He had come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed Him. And behold, a leper came and **worshipped** Him, saying, ‘Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean.’”

Matthew 9:18-19

“While He spoke these things to them, behold, a ruler came and **worshipped** Him, saying, ‘My daughter has just died, but come and lay Your hand on her and she will live.’ So Jesus arose and followed him, and so did His disciples.”

Matthew 15:21-28

21 “Then Jesus went out from there and departed to the region of Tyre and Sidon. 22 And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, ‘Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed.’ 23 But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, ‘Send her away, for she cries out after us.’ 24 But He answered and said, ‘I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.’ 25 Then she came and **worshipped** Him, saying, Lord, help me!’ 26 But He answered and said, ‘It is not good to take the children’s bread and throw it to the little dogs.’ 27 And she said, ‘Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters’ table.’ 28 Then Jesus answered and said to her, ‘O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire.’ And her daughter was healed from that very hour.”

Mark 5:1-9

1 “Then they came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gadarenes. 2 And when He had come out of the boat, immediately there met Him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit, 3 who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no one could bind him, not even with chains, 4 because he had often been bound with shackles and chains. And the chains had been pulled apart by him, and the shackles broken in pieces; neither could anyone tame him. 5 And always, night and day, he was in the mountains and in the tombs, crying out and cutting himself with stones. 6 When he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and **worshipped** Him. 7 And he cried out with a loud voice and said, ‘What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I implore You by God that You do not torment me.’ 8 For He said to him, ‘Come out of the man, unclean spirit!’ 9 Then He asked him, ‘What is your name?’”

In all these examples, we see a miraculous healing following **worship**. Please note that these healings did not take excessive deliverance prayers. Enthroning the Lord will dethrone the enemy.

Thanksgiving:

Jesus gave thanks for the loaves and fishes, and then they were multiplied.

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[Section 16](#) Purity and Holiness

Holiness:

Standard bearers must live holy lives.

Ezekiel 44:10-16

10 "The Levites who went far from Me when Israel went astray and who wandered from Me after their idols must bear the consequences of their sin. 11 They may serve in My sanctuary, having charge of the gates of the temple and serving in it; they may slaughter the burnt offerings and sacrifices for the people and stand before the people and serve them. 12 But because they served them in the presence of their idols and made the people of Israel fall into sin, therefore I have sworn with uplifted hand that they must bear the consequences of their sin,' declares the Sovereign Lord. 13 'They are not to come near to serve Me as priests or come near any of My holy things or My most holy offerings; they must bear the shame of their detestable practices. 14 And I will appoint them to guard the temple for all the work that is to be done in it. 15 But the Levitical priests, who are descendants of Zadok and who guarded My sanctuary when the Israelites went astray from me, are to come near to minister before Me; they are to stand before Me to offer sacrifices of fat and blood, declares the Sovereign Lord. 16 They alone are to enter My sanctuary; they alone are to come near My table to minister before Me and serve Me as guards.'"

Ezekiel 44:10

Live a holy life. The Levites could not minister to the Lord, but to the people - horizontal ministry, not vertical worship. They had a function and a job, not a relationship.

Ezekiel 44:15

The sons of Zadok were allowed to minister unto the Lord. Zadok was allowed to go beyond the veil.

These verses show that there is a difference between ministering to the people and ministering unto the Lord.

Today as New Testament believers, we do not use our own righteousness. We use the righteousness of Christ. It is not our holiness, but Christ's righteousness that allows us to have a relationship. We are kings and priests, but I do not want to let go of the principle that was shown here. I think it is important to understand the ways of the Lord. Jesus said that those who love Him will keep His word (John 14:23).

Revelation 1:5-6

Kings and priests - Priests make sure the fire never goes out. They go beyond the veil. They minister to the Lord, although as New Testament believers, the veil was torn down. There is another principal here - the way of the Lord - make sure the fire never goes out.

Be a minister unto the Lord and unto people. Pray that the Lord will teach you how to be a minister unto the Lord and unto the people as you flag.

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Section 17 Types

Types of Flags:

- Territorial
- People groups
- Organizational
- Decorative
- Events
- Seasons
- Directions
- Instructions
- Warnings
- Healing
- Bestowing honor
- Intercession
- Performance (color guard)

Different flag makers use different names for the same thing, so the following is not set in stone.

- Swivel flag - a flag that turns on the stick. It does not wrap around the stick when you turn it. It is my primary flag. It allows me to make the most of my flag language. It is heavier than ones that do not swivel.
- Banner flag - a flag which is usually large on a pole, usually long and flies over everybody's head. It can also be hung on a wall. This flag is excellent for use in Third World countries when evangelizing; because it can be seen from a distance, and they let people know to come and listen to the message. You need high ceilings to use this flag effectively in church, but it makes a profound statement when used.
- Swing flag/flow flag/weighted flag - A swing and flow flag do not have sticks, so they are very versatile. You can fold them up and put them in your purse. You can take them into prisons easier and travel with them easier. If I do not know the song or the song is too fast, too slow or too difficult to be able to use my flag language, I like to use these. These are also excellent for evangelism, because they are very eye-catching; so you might be able to minister to people who come to see them. They do take skill to learn to use them. I do not have much of a flag language with them.
- Wing flag - a flag with curved edges that looks like an angel wing. Most of the wing flags you buy online do not turn on a stick.
- Double layer flag - any flag with two layers
- Triple layer flag - this flag can get heavy, and you might need more arm strength to use it
- Streamers - long ribbons that are waved around your body
- Scarves and veils - no poles or weights
- Billow - a large rectangular flag which requires at least two people to operate
- Hanging banner - hangs on a wall or held on a pole
- Feather flag – a long and narrow flag on a flexible pole, frequently used to announce a meeting or show people where the meeting is

- Fan flag - hand fan with silk fabric attached
- Glory rings, tablets, timbres - rings with ribbons on them that are waved
- Angel wings - lightweight fabric attached to the arms and body to resemble angel wings
- Poi - a weighted flag on a string; often used by entertainers
- Matter or war sticks - governmental rod of authority, or rod of God, a plain or decorated rod. It can be pounded on the ground or raised in the air. War sticks are struck together to make noise.

Size:

Small flags allow you to flag in small spaces and allow more variety in moves. Large flags make bolder statements and can be seen easier from people in the back.

- Poles are used according to preference, room and ceiling height.
- Wooden dowel rods are very economic and easy to use.
- Fiberglass rods, quills.
- Flexible bending rods can be fiberglass or metal.
- Telescoping rods - For banners I have found telescoping fishing poles to be the most convenient for me. I snip off the top and glue a bead on the top.

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[Section 18](#) Anointing

Inanimate objects getting anointed in the Bible:

- Genesis 28:10 - Pouring oil over a stone - Jacob anointed the stone he used as a pillow.
- Exodus 40:9 - Moses was to anoint the tabernacle and everything in it, the altar, vessels and laver.
- Leviticus 8:11 - Moses anointed the tabernacle, the altar and the vessels seven times.
- Numbers 7:1 - Moses anointed the tabernacle instruments and vessels.

Here we see that anointing objects is consistent with biblical principles in the Bible. People often anoint doors and windows, so I think anointing flags is okay. You can anoint your flag and poles with oils and fragrances. Jesus was anointed with fragrances after his death.

Now that we discussed that the Bible has evidence of inanimate objects being anointed, I want to discuss the flagger.

For the most part, it seems to me that the biggest anointing is on the flagger. An anointed flagger could pick up almost any flag and create an anointed environment. So go ahead and pray for an anointing upon yourself. The more you flag and learn about flags, the more it will come. Just let yourself be the vessel and let the Holy Spirit lead you.

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[Section 19](#) Consecration

For the most part, I separate my worship flags for use of worship. If somebody wants me to carry a standard for a political event or another event, I usually use a flag specifically for that event. I keep my worship flags for worship. However, I have taken my worship flags to secular events, such as a secular festival, to release an intercession for Jesus into the atmosphere. Sometimes flaggers take their worship flags with them on vacation to places such as Disney to release Jesus into that atmosphere. I think we all know that Disney could use a bit more of Jesus. I call it sneaky Jehovah. I know some people who plant miniature Jesus flags in secular environments to make a statement for Jesus. I have taken my worship flags into my work environment to release Jesus into my work environment.

In the Old Testament, if something was clean, it became unclean if something touched it that was unclean. However, in the New Testament anything unclean that Jesus touches is made clean. For example, the woman with the issue of blood did not contaminate Jesus, but she was made clean by touching him. Also, in Luke 5:13, Jesus touched a leper, and the leper was made clean. I do not think we have to fear contaminating our flags if we are using them in secular environments to release Jesus. Sanctify and dedicate all flags to the Lord.

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[Section 20](#) Beauty and Excellence vs Showing Off

Song of Solomon 6:4

“You are beautiful, my darling, as, lovely Tirzah, as Jerusalem, majestic as troops with banners.”

Esther was chosen for her beauty. Daniel was chosen for his excellence.

Ecclesiastes 9:10

“Whatever you find to do, do it with all your might.”

Beauty is honored in many places in the Bible and throughout the Old Testament with the construction and adornment of the tabernacle, temples, vessels, garments and ark of the covenant. It does seem that the Lord loves beauty and excellence. Although in the New Testament we see that according to Matthew 23:27 we are not to be white-washed tombs. So I think there is a place for beautiful flags and nice moves, but we must have clean hearts. There is a difference between a form of art and a form of worship. However, it seems that according to the Lord's directions for the adornment of the tabernacle, vessels and garments, beauty can be used as a tool to help us and others enter in and engage with the Lord. He will meet us whether we are in a prison, pig pen or temple. But beauty can be a meeting place to move us out of the pig pen, just as the prodigal son remembered his father's house.

Some flaggers have been afraid to learn and use some advanced moves for fear of showing off. We would never tell a singer to avoid hitting those high notes and low notes, because we do not want them to show off, or a drummer to avoid using a drumroll, because we do not want them to show off. So I do not think it is right to tell a flagger to avoid advanced moves. The better I get at flagging, the more I have to watch my heart; because I do want to flag with excellence without being a show off. I have to make sure I have a heart attitude of worship. For me, learning some advanced moves was just a form of advancing my language and communication skills and expressing my freedom in Christ.

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[Section 21 Testimonies](#)

(1) Many people have told me that flagging in church immensely improves the atmosphere during worship.

(2) A flag can be a relatively inexpensive and easy tool for evangelism. Flags do not require electricity. They are easy to carry. I have used flags for ministry in Africa. We would go to the town center marketplace and wave our flags, and people would come to see what we have to offer. We could speak to them about Jesus, and they were very receptive.

(3) I have often used flags for intercession. For example, I live in Florida, so I have taken my flag to the beach to intercede on behalf of storms. I have used flags in church as a tool and sign to intercede for healing and deliverance. I have used flags in church to stir the atmosphere for praise and worship.

(4) While in Africa, I was told that the flags caused people to have deliverance without direct prayer. There were some street boys who had their knives that they used to steal and kill and turned them over to the ministry team as I was flagging.

(5) I personally have had healing and deliverance while flagging. I know of many others who have had healing and deliverance while flagging. I also have seen people fall out in the spirit under the shadow of the flag.

(6) I have often heard it said to never tell the Lord you are not going to do something. Well, when I started flagging, I told the Lord I never wanted to do it to draw attention to myself. But when I went to Africa, I had to eat those words; because the Lord wanted me to go flag to draw a crowd so they could receive the message of the gospel. So my humble thought of not wanting to attract attention went down the drain. I attracted a lot of attention, and they all heard the gospel!

Testimony:

Many flaggers go through a season where the Lord has them put their flags down. Do not fear this. I think the Lord wants all of us to know that we can come to Him and worship Him without a flag and without a tool.

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