

# WORSHIP TEAM MANUAL



## Vision/Responsibilities

### Worship Team Purpose

The purpose of the Relentless Worship Team is to develop those with the skills and talents in singing, playing instruments, sound engineering, and more to lead the corporate body in a unified sound of praise and worship to our God.

We believe that praise is declaring to the principalities, powers, and rulers of darkness what God has done, is doing and will do (Eph 6:12).

We believe that worship is a lifestyle response to God. If praise is declaring what God has done, is doing or will do, then worship is declaring (and living) who God is. If we do not know who God is, we cannot worship Him in spirit and in truth (John 4:24). Our corporate worship should be a natural extension of the relationship we have with God when we are alone. When we join together in one accord to worship the Lord as the singers and musicians did in II Chronicles 5:13-14, we believe that the tangible presence of Almighty God will fill the sanctuary resulting in changed, transformed and renewed lives.

We are called to demonstrate what Jesus carried out in His earthly ministry (1 John 3:8), a demonstration that is manifested by the words we speak and by our obedience to God's Word (Prov 18:21, 1 Sam 15:22). Worship creates an atmosphere where faith can be fueled. Faith creates an atmosphere of expectancy where miracles can happen.

When taking the above into consideration, we, the musicians and singers of this house, have an awesome responsibility: we are more than just a team - we are worship leaders. The expressions on our faces and the enthusiasm we show will inspire the people to begin to praise God and to enter into an expression of worship and a demonstration of praise.

When the Body of Christ begins to worship and praise in one, unified sound, the Lord can move in a mighty way, often manifesting Himself in healing, deliverance and salvation.

We are a music ministry that believes in the power and presence of the Holy Spirit.

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### Worship Team Culture

Teams are how we empower and equip the people of our house in serving God through their talents, skills, and abilities so that we can see people come alive in Christ. Every person serving on any team in this house exhibits these qualities:

#### **Honor**

We will honor the family of this house, and God, by being on time for any scheduled volunteer positions; arrive early enough so the team may start promptly at the planned time. Being on time reflects your level of commitment. We understand that life happens, so please contact a team leader when something happens last minute that interferes with a scheduled time. We live a lifestyle of honoring the decisions of leadership, and supporting the Relentless vision. We do not talk negatively about anyone in leadership or anyone in this house.

#### **Community**

We commit to trust others within healthy boundaries and to affirm, build, and encourage others and resolve conflict with forgiveness and reconciliation. We commit to walk in unity with grace and truth and being accountable to others that we might produce fruitful returns. We commit to having fun as a team and family!

#### **Communicate Effectively**

Have questions? Have a new idea? Getting distracted or frustrated? Something bothering you? Talk to us. Let the team leader know of any concerns, changes in schedule, potential absences, emergencies or illness. We're here to serve and equip you to grow and succeed as a passionate follower of Jesus.

#### **Have the support of family**

It is important that your family supports your involvement in this ministry and accepts the necessary time commitment, which is not insignificant. Your family should always be your priority when considering your involvement in any ministry.

#### **Be Humble/Teachable**

It is incredibly easy to focus on ourselves. Always remember the One who gave you your talent/skill/abilities and serve with an attitude of humility is essential. Our talents can always be developed and improved, and we should be willing to humbly accept direction and constructive criticism from others and learn from it.

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### **Have Fun**

We should consider it a joy and honor to come together in the name of our God and worship Him through our gifts and talents. Come with a great attitude and ready to have fun while praising His name!

### **Be modest in dress**

Be aware of your appearance. Be comfortable, but be appropriate. Ask yourself – does what I wear distract others from worshipping Jesus?  
If the answer is yes, change your outfit.

### **Be a reflection of Christ**

We ask that should at any time during your involvement you feel your personal life or conduct is not reflecting what we are about or what Christ would have, that you voluntarily step down until the situation changes.

## Worship Team Lifestyle/Expectations

We realize the significance and importance of understanding the foundations of true worship, and we commit to furthering our knowledge of these foundations. God desires a heart that follows Him, and we commit to worshipping Him not only with our instruments and our voices but also with all of our heart, soul, mind and strength. Worship is a lifestyle and not an event and we want our life to be a living sacrifice for Him. We commit to continuing our pursuit of Christ-likeness through many means including the following:

**Prayer** – we will pray for the Relentless Worship Family, our leaders and Relentless Church. We will pray for the gatherings each week and come to rehearsals and events spiritually prepared to lead people into a personal encounter with God.

**Private Worship** – we will worship in our quiet time and will live a life of worship everywhere we go. When we come together for the weekend worship gathering it should be a culmination of a week lived in worship.

**Bible Reading/Studying** – we love to read God’s Word and we will commit to reading His Word on a consistent basis and studying His Word with consistency and passion. We want to be obedient to His Word and spiritually mature.

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**Obedience to the Word** - The worship team gets a lot of attention because of the very nature of what we do. It is a very public role to have. Therefore, we should strive to live lives worthy of the position and visibility God has granted us.

**Christ-Likeness** – we realize that He has called us to a life that will reflect His likeness and we commit to allowing Holy Spirit to lead us into a lifestyle of sanctification and separation from the things of this world that could contaminate our spirit and body.

**Tithes & Offerings** – we commit to returning the Lord's tithe and to honor God with our financial offerings throughout the year.

## Worship Team Call to Excellence

God has blessed us with the opportunity to serve Him using the gifts and talents He has given to us. We commit to continuing our pursuit of excellence through many means including the following:

**Be musically skillful**—just as some are called to preach and others aren't, so are some called to lead musical worship and others aren't. Prayerfully consider if this is your area of giftedness.

**Be committed to musical excellence** – learn your music, hone your skills. continually grow and practice your skills – as God deserves our best. We're not looking for perfection, as that is not required to serve God, but we do expect you to be proficient and always prepared. You have to be willing to give Him your best. Practice at home and take the commitment seriously. Remember that wrong notes, poor singing, and less-than-average music can distract others from focusing on God as easily as someone who is 'showing off' or performing. This can also interrupt the movement of the Holy Spirit in a worship service.

**Be committed to rehearsals**—Our goal is to develop as musicians, as a team, and grow as leaders of worship. Please be on time for all rehearsals and pre-gathering meetings.

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**Be prepared-** come to rehearsals and services musically prepared by listening to and practicing songs beforehand, and having all your music ready and in order. This also includes being punctual – arrive early enough so the team may start promptly at the planned time. Being on time reflects your level of commitment. We understand that life happens, so please contact the team leader when it happens last minute and interferes with a rehearsal or service.

**Be a team player** – Do your best to be present, prompt & prepared. Get to know and support your band mates. Work through differences with gentleness. Play selectively. Some people are very gifted musicians and/or vocalists, but for one reason or another (vocal range, musical style, personality, etc) have trouble flowing or fitting with the team. Note that not all gifted musicians or soloists necessarily make good team members.

**Communicate effectively** - have questions? have a new idea? Getting distracted or frustrated? Something bothering you? Talk to us. Let the team leader know of any concerns, changes in schedule, potential absences, emergencies or illness. We're here to serve and equip you to grow and succeed as a passionate follower of Jesus.

**Worship while leading worship** - We should lead by example, directing our hearts and passion toward Him in authentic, physical expressions of worship. Preparation is a huge part of this. If you are struggling to follow the chords or read the lyrics off your music sheet, your focus will not be on God. Set a goal to get to a place of absolute freedom in worship.

## Worship Team Requirements

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| <b>Foundations</b> | Everyone on the team must go through foundations so that everyone understands the vision of this house.     |
| <b>Audition</b>    | Schedule an Audition with any of our Team Leaders.  |
| <b>Attendance</b>  | Must be attending Relentless for a minimum of 1 month.<br>Must attend at least 2 Worship Team Group Nights. |

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## Worship Team Positions

- Musicians** Anyone that plays an instrument and wants to use that talent/skill for the glory of God. All instruments are welcome on stage.
- Singers/Leaders** Anyone that can sing in melody, harmony, and in time is welcome to sing in the worship team.
- Team Leaders** Team leaders assist in developing set lists, organizing team meetings, and more!
- Sound** People who have a passion for sound engineering/mixing and assisting create the sound of the house under the vision of the worship team are encouraged to serve in sound!