

Corporate Discipline: WORSHIP

“To worship is to quicken the conscience by the holiness of God, to feed the mind with the truth of God, to purge the imagination by the beauty of God, to open the heart to the love of God, to devote the will to the purpose of God.”

To Worship...

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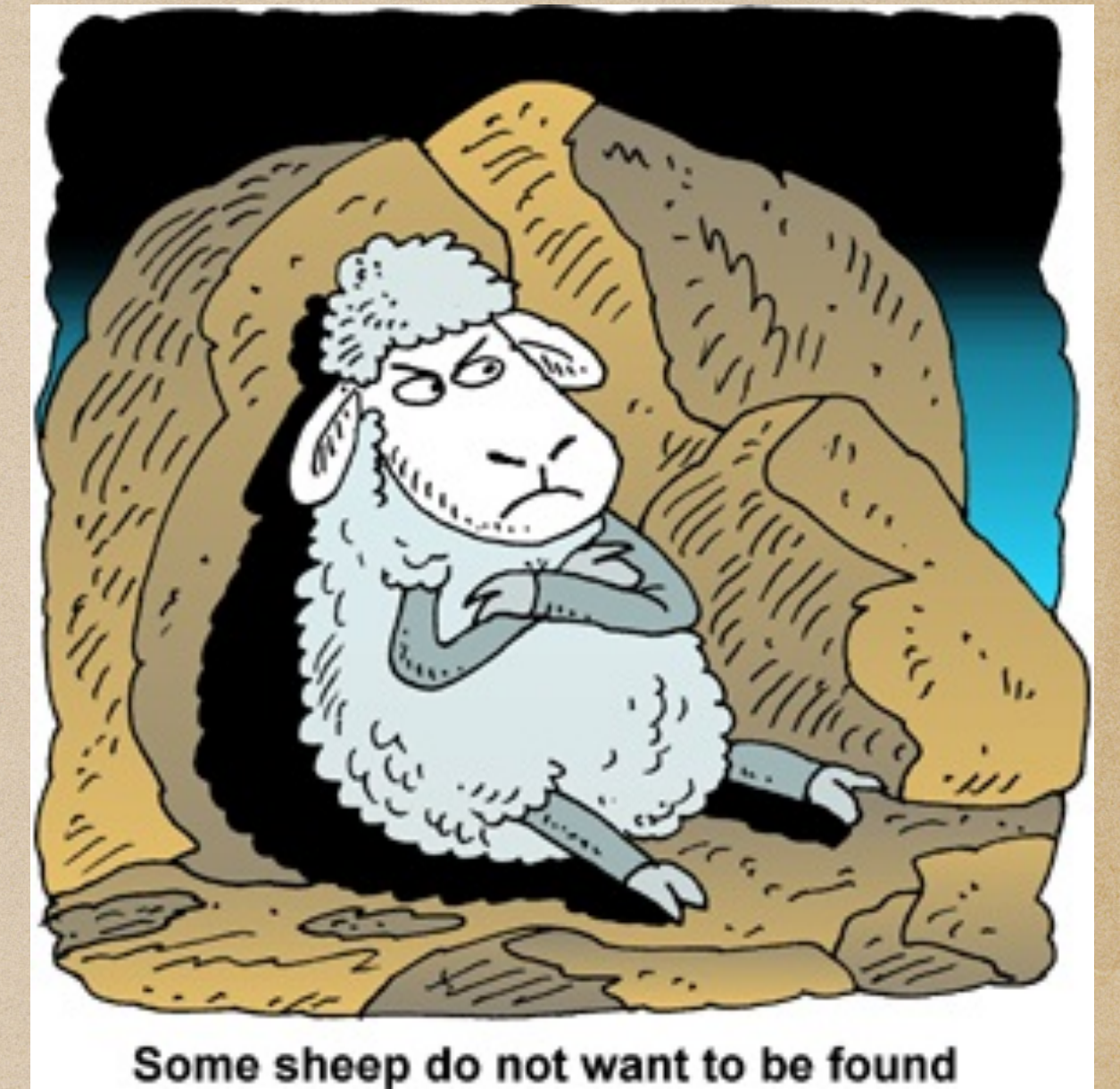
1881-1944

Archbishop of Canterbury (1942-1944)

Worship — God seeking us!

For the Son of Man
came to seek and to
save the lost."
Luke 19:10

God is the INITIATOR, not us.
In worship, we are RESPONDING.



Worship is our response to
the overtures of love from
the heart of the Father.

Richard J. Foster

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Essence of WORSHIP

Richard Foster —

“Forms and rituals do not produce worship, nor does the disuse of forms and rituals. We can use all the right techniques and methods, we can have the best possible liturgy, but we have not worshiped the Lord...”

“...until Spirit touches spirit.”





The Object of Our Worship aka — our attention...

“You shall worship the Lord your God and
him only shall you serve.” (Matt 4:10)

“You shall have no other gods before me.”
(Exodus 20:3)

“We worship the Lord not only because of who God is, but also because of what God has done.
Above all, the God of the Bible is the God who acts. This is the heart of our praise.”

— Richard Foster

PREPARATION for WORSHIP

...preparing our spirit to be touched by the Spirit

"Expectancy is the
atmosphere for miracles."
{Edwin Louis Cole}



HOLY EXPECTANCY

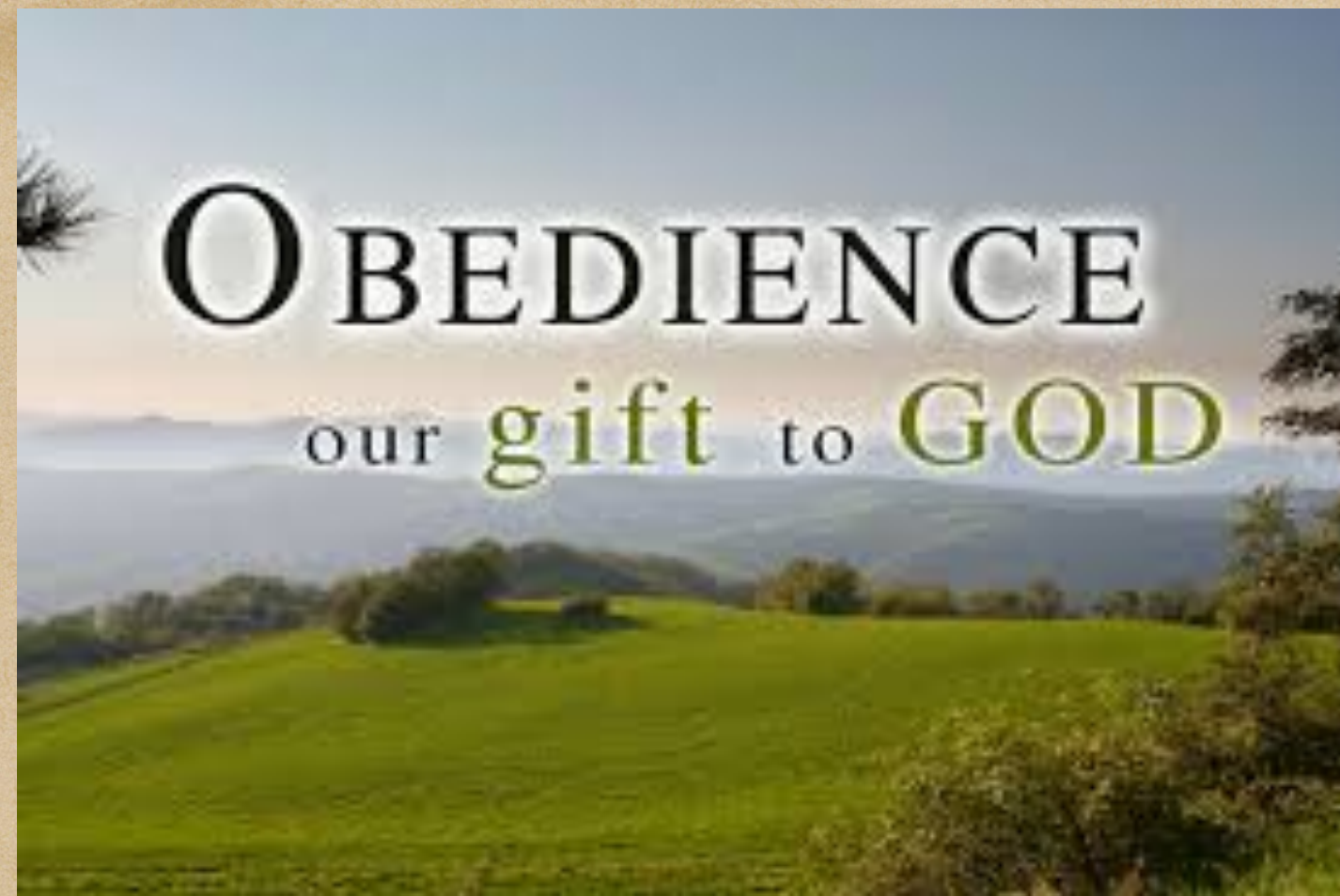


The most holy and important
practice in the spiritual life is the
presence of God - that is, every
moment to take great pleasure
that God is with you

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1. Enter several minutes early...quiet the mind and heart
2. Lift into God's light, the ministers (lay and ordained)
3. Look around — opportunities for intercessory prayer
 4. Give thanks for the corporate gathering
 5. Offer the sacrifice of Praise and Thanksgiving



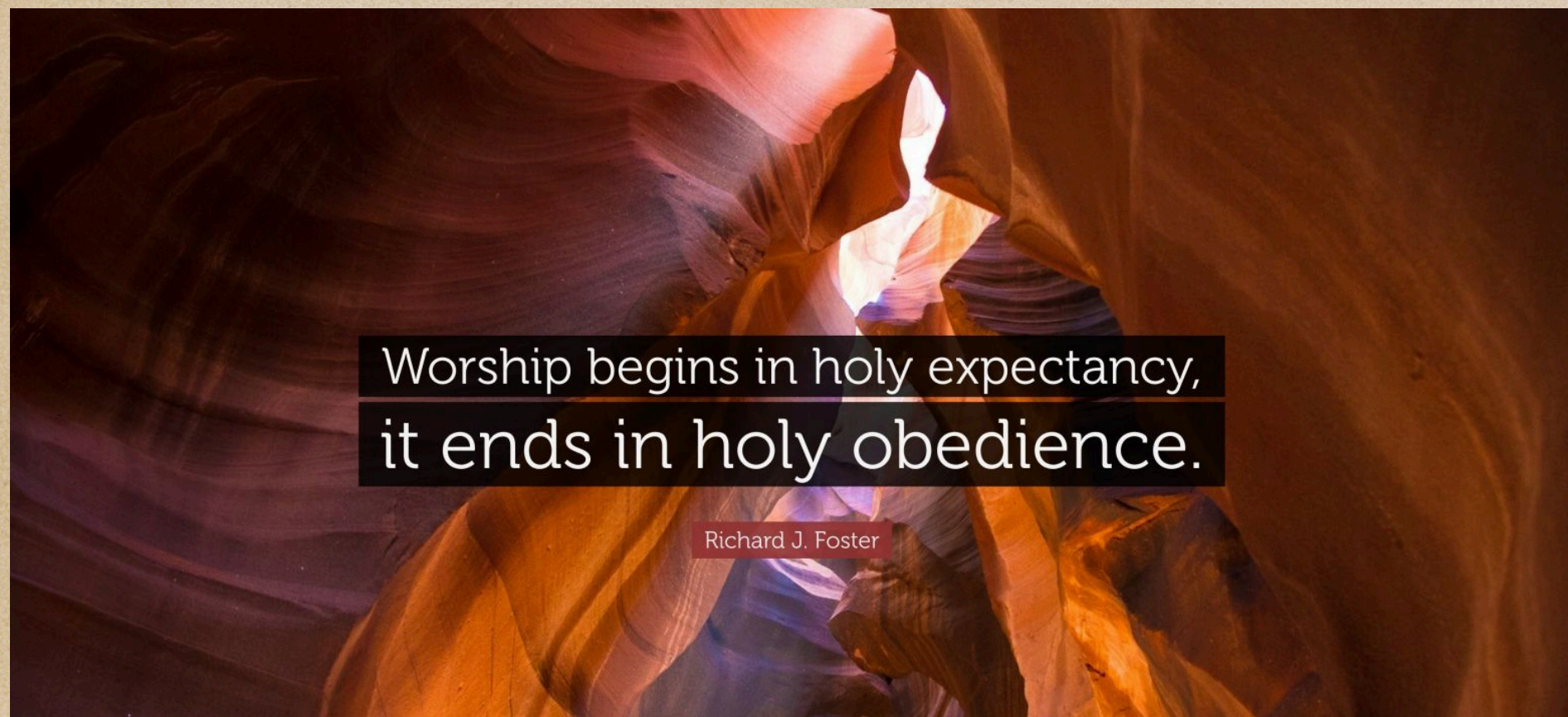
The Fruit of Worship ...OBEDIENCE

- We are inspired by the Spirit to change
 - We are changed in our willingness to OBEY — this is a gift back to God

“If worship does not propel us into greater obedience, it has not been worship.” — Richard Foster



As worship begins in holy expectancy, it ends in holy obedience. Holy obedience saves worship from becoming an opiate, an escape from the pressing needs of modern life.



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“Authentic worship will impel us to join in the Lamb’s war against powers and principalities everywhere – on the personal level, on the social level, on the institutional level.” — Richard Foster

Celebration of Discipline



-means to an END
-union with God

1. Meditation
2. Fasting
3. Study
4. Simplicity
5. Solitude
6. Worship



Anticipating Lent ,



which one calls you?