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“What Worship Leaders Need To Keep Leading”

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Part One:

1. Worship leaders need to focus on speaking the **truth in love** to keep leading effectively.

- a. **Speaking** the truth in love to all – not just the people we like!
 - i. This means not **holding back** parts of the truth.
 - ii. This means not **watering down** the truth.
 - iii. This means **speaking directly** without being vague.
- b. **Hearing** the truth in love from trusted people.
 - i. This requires **vulnerability** on your part.
 - ii. This requires **humility** on your part.
 - iii. This requires **time** on your part (seek them out, don't wait for them)

How to know if you are speaking the truth in love...

When you are speaking **boldly**.

When you are sharing both **positive and negative** feedback.

When you are deeply concerned about the **person** and not just the situation.

How to know if you are hearing the truth in love...

When you feel **challenged** and **cared for**.

When you get a **little nervous** around the person who is talking.

When you find yourself being **witnessed, taught, and built-up**.

2. Worship leaders need to focus on songs and acts of worship that **point people to Jesus**.

- a. Sometimes we have to sing songs we **don't like**.
- b. Sometimes we have to sing songs that **aren't our best** musical option.
- c. Sometimes we have to sing **older/newer** songs than we want to.

The pay-off is a church body who has expressions of worship that are different than yours, but equally pleasing and honoring to the Lord.

3. Worship leaders need to focus on **who our offering is for** instead of getting caught up in what our offering is.

Our offering to God is a great thing to think about and work on, but a horrible thing to be caught up in or stuck on.

Part Two:

1. Worship leaders need to keep leading songs about the **truth of Jesus**.

2. Worship leaders need to keep worshipping **outside of the leadership arena** in order to last as a leader.

3. Worship leaders need to keep leading worship – **not music**.