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Lead Worshiper 101:
Lesson 3: The Songs That We Sing

Understanding Our Songs...

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They put the *words of worship* in the mouths of the congregation.

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People *remember songs* long after they
remember sermons.

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3. They need to be *repeated often*.

...so people can sing them from the *heart*, and
not just from the *screen*.

The Song Rotation Dilemma:

*When we start getting sick of a song, that's just about the time **the congregation is catching on.***

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- We can *continually introduce new songs* to keep things fresh for us on the worship team, or...

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- We can *stick with the same rotation of songs* week after week and month after month, so the congregation knows them well.

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The *longer we rotate a song*, the more the average worshiper can *sing it from the heart, and not just sing it from the screen.*

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But in that same amount of time that it's taken that song to start connecting with the congregation, it's becoming "bleh" for us.

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It's about worship God and encouraging
the congregation to worship God.

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If we view our songs as *tools to serve the congregation and help us worship God*, it can help us keep a healthy perspective.

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When we fall into the trap of having to be fulfilled or "moved" by every song we lead, *we're going to frustrate our congregation.*

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The more often we play or lead the same song, the more *freedom and confidence* we have with it.

And the *less time we have to spend preparing it.*

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Pray them.

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Study the scriptures that inspired them.

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It could help you find that worshipful connection again that you've been missing.

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3. *Worship privately* with the songs *you wish you were singing.*

**Our *private worship* will never exceed our
platform worship.**

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Use the *newer songs* that you love right now to fuel your personal worship moments.

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4. Freshen it up.

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Don't stray so far from the original so that the congregation can't connect to it.

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Don't suggest changes to your worship leader in the middle of rehearsal (or on a Sunday morning).

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5. Retire the tired.

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As a team member, you're with the congregation far more often than your worship leader is, so *you can help keep the finger on the pulse of how these songs are resonating.*

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It's a *conscious choice to die to self* and enter into worship.

We're here to *worship God* and *serve others* by encouraging them to worship.

It's not about you or me.