



Opening Prayer

Jesus, you never used your platform for your glory, even though all glory rightfully belongs to you. Teach us to steward influence the way you did—with humility, purpose, and love. Help us remember that visibility is only valuable when it makes you more visible. Amen.



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Scripture Reading

Matthew 5:14-16 – "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden... let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

1 Peter 4:10 – "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others..."

Devotional Thought

Let me tell you something that took me years to learn: the platform isn't about the spotlight—it's about stewardship.

Early in ministry, I became overly focused on the performance aspect. I wanted to lead worship that was impressive, memorable, and technically excellent. And there's nothing wrong with excellence—God deserves our best. But I was missing something crucial: people don't need to be impressed by us; they need to be connected to Jesus through us. Whether you're leading from a raised stage, standing in a circle of vocalists, or mixing sound from the back of the room, you have a sphere of influence. The question isn't whether you have a platform—it's what you're doing with it.

I've been privileged to lead worship in both homes and stadiums, living rooms and arenas. Here's what I've discovered: the size of your platform doesn't determine your impact. Your heart does.

The best leaders I know—the ones who consistently create space for genuine encounter—they lead with both visibility and proximity. They're excellent in any space they've been given to lead, but they're also the ones greeting newcomers, encouraging other musicians, and staying late to pray with people who need it.

Think about Jesus for a moment. He had the ultimate platform—crowds of thousands hanging on his every word. But he also made time for individual conversations with tax collectors, touched lepers that others avoided, and washed his disciples' feet. He modelled leadership that was both elevated and accessible.

As we prepare for what God will do, the question isn't just "How can I lead worship well?" It's "How can I use every aspect of my influence to point people to Jesus?"

Reflection and Application

Personal Reflection Questions:

- Beyond the stage, where has God given you influence? Consider your social media presence, your workplace relationships, your friendships, and your family dynamics. How are you stewarding these spheres?
- Are you leading primarily through visibility (what people see you do publicly) or proximity (how you connect with people personally)? What's the balance, and where might you need to grow?
- When you think about your "platform," what motivates you more—being seen as excellent or creating space for encounter? Be honest.

This Week's Challenge: Visibility with Purpose: Examine your public presence (social media, how you present on stage, conversations after church, etc.). Ask yourself: "Does how I show up publicly draw attention to myself or Jesus?" Make one specific adjustment this week.

Proximity in Practice: Identify someone in your sphere of influence who needs encouragement or connection. This could be:

- A younger team member who looks up to you
- Someone new to your team
- A congregation member who's been struggling
- Even a family member who rarely sees your "ministry side," invest in them intentionally this week—not as a project, but as a person.

Platform Assessment: Write down all the different "platforms" you have (stage, social media, workplace, family, friend groups, etc.). For each one, ask: "How can I use this influence to make Jesus more visible?"

Daily Playlist for Reflection:

- "King of Glory" - Cece Winans
- "Great Are You Lord" - All Sons and Daughters
- "I Speak Jesus" - Charity Gayle
- "Dwell" - SEU Worship

Closing Prayer

Jesus, you're the perfect example of how to steward influence. You used your platform to lift others up, to speak truth with love, and to make the Father known. We confess that sometimes we get caught up in our own visibility instead of focusing on making you visible. Help us lead with the right motivations. Whether we're in front of thousands or having coffee with one person, let every interaction point people toward you. Give us wisdom to balance excellence with humility, visibility with proximity. May our platforms—big or small—be launching pads for your kingdom, not monuments to ourselves. Amen.