



WORSHIP ROCKET

HOW TO SPEAK AS WELL AS YOU SING

MODULE 01: EBOOK

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Welcome to Worship Rocket. We are so excited that you've chosen to go on this journey with us. We are going to talk about topics that are going to help you, your team and your church become excellent in leading worship.

I've been coaching worship leaders for years. I've looked in on churches all around the country and seen what they are doing. As worship leaders, there are multiple things that we have to focus on every week to lead worship well. It's easy for some areas to get overlooked or slip through the cracks. We've put together practical tools and resources to help you in each of these areas.

YOU ARE A COMMUNICATOR, NOT JUST A SINGER

To start things off in this first module, we're going to begin with, "How to speak as well as you sing." I know for me as a worship leader, I've got the songs down. I've learned the melodies and the lyrics; but the minute my pastor, Andy Stanley, would come to me and say, "Todd, could you set up this song or could you introduce worship with any kind of speaking other than singing?" I would cringe. I would get scared. I even remember being in the shower before going to church the next morning and going, "I don't know what I'm going to say." I would panic. It used to scare me to death.

I just want you to know that you're not alone. If the idea of being a singer and a communicator makes you cringe, we're going to help you. We care about what you bring to church every week and we want it to be more than just

singing songs.

LEADING PEOPLE TO A RESPONSE

I know you may not see yourself as a communicator. More often than not, we focus so much on singing and we forget that we have this great opportunity to lead people in way more than just the singing. We have an opportunity to actually prepare what we're going to say in such a way that we connect people to the songs we're leading so that, by the time we're singing, the song becomes a response to something that we already helped them see.

My friend and worship leader, Matt Redman, has a statement that I've never forgotten. He says that, "We can't sing until we've seen." Often, we focus on the singing, but our role as leaders is to help people see who Jesus is, who God is, what He's done, and then lead that response.

I believe that's our desire to do that, but oftentimes, we're unprepared. We're unprepared because we've got so much on our plate. We're in charge of sound, lighting, the whole program and we don't know how we're going to think about anything other than singing. When we're unprepared, it can look like this:

STAGE FRIGHT We don't say anything. We think that singing is enough.

TOO MUCH INFORMATION I see this all the time with worship leaders. We give people too much information. We think that by saying a lot, we're actually helping people, but I found that the reverse is true. By saying a lot,