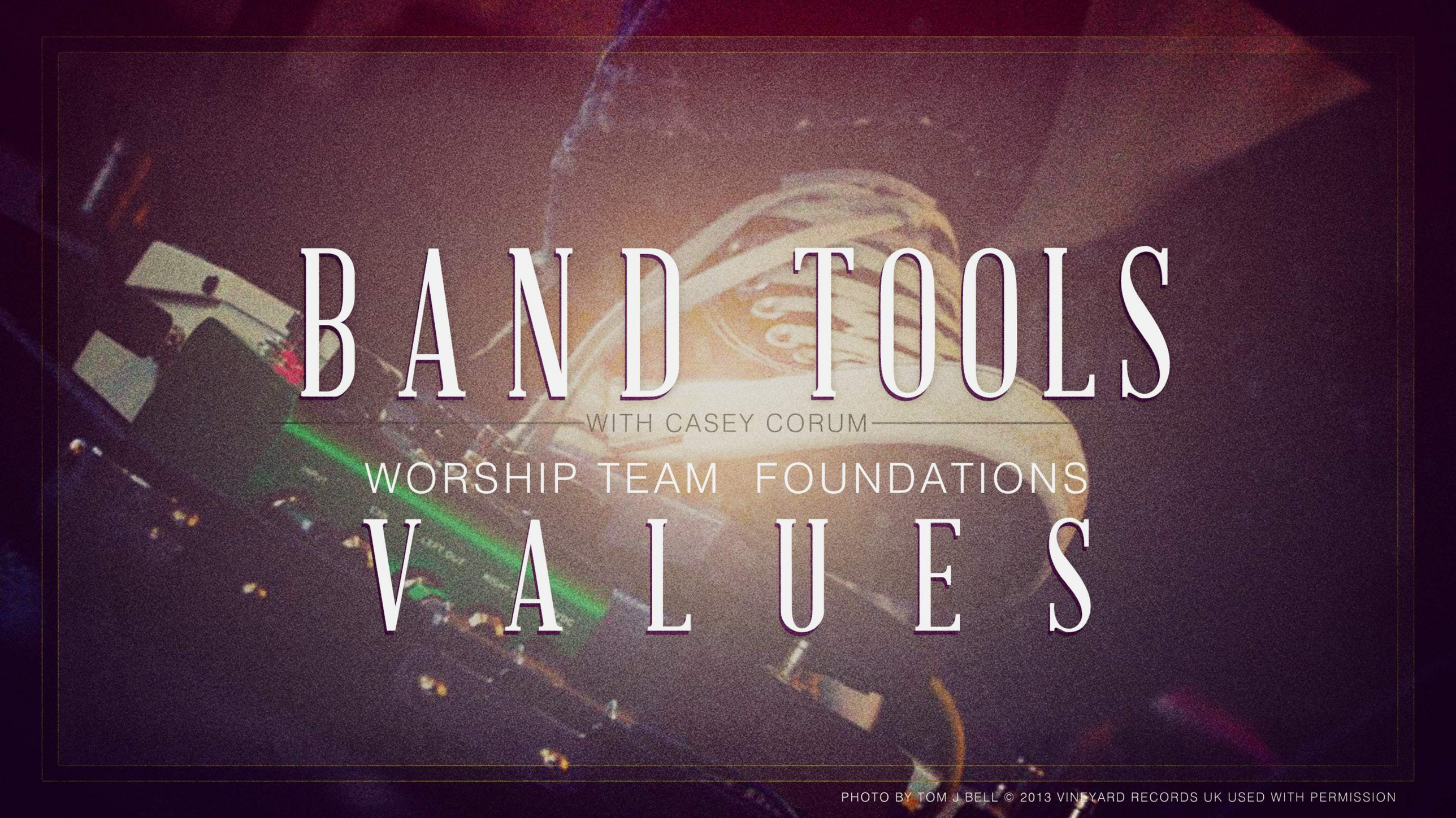


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WORSHIP TEAM FOUNDATIONS

VALUES

FOUNDATION, FOOTING, UNDERPINNING, BEDROCK. OUR WORSHIP TEAMS CAN ONLY BE AS STRONG AS THE FOUNDATIONAL VALUES AND PRACTICES UNDERNEATH THEM. WITH THIS IN MIND, WHAT ARE THE FOUNDATIONAL/ "NEED TO KNOW" VALUES AND PRACTICES PRESENT IN A HEALTHY WORSHIP MINISTRY?

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NUTURE A LIFESTYLE OF WORSHIP

OUR GATHERED WORSHIP TIMES ARE INTENDED TO BE THE OVERFLOW OF LIVES LAID DOWN EVERYDAY IN WORSHIP. THE SONGS WE SING AND THE WORDS WE SAY SHOULD RESONATE AND REVERBERATE THROUGHOUT THE REST OF LIVES. THIS IS IN NO WAY TO DEVALUE WHAT HAPPENS IN OUR GATHERED WORSHIP TIMES. THIS IS NOT AN ISSUE OF EITHER/OR. IT IS BOTH/AND.

BE A WORSHIPER ON STAGE

REMEMBER, THE MAIN REASON WE GATHER TO SING IS TO FOCUS OUR HEARTS ON GOD IN WORSHIP. THIS HAS TO ALWAYS STAY AT THE FOREFRONT OF OUR HEARTS AND MINDS AS WE SERVE OUR CONGREGATIONS IN MUSICAL WORSHIP MINISTRY. GOD IS LOOKING FOR MINISTERS FIRST, MUSICIANS SECOND. OUR FIRST CALL IS THAT OF A WORSHIPER.

BE YOURSELF

GOD HAS SHAPED YOU UNIQUELY WITH SPECIFIC TALENTS AND MUSICAL BENTS. FIND LIFE IN BEING WHO GOD MADE YOU TO BE, BRINGING YOUR WHOLE SELF - MUSIC AND ALL - TO HIM IN WORSHIP.

CHECK YOUR ATTITUDE

APPROACH YOUR ROLE IN THE WORSHIP BAND WITH HUMILITY AND LOOKING TO SERVE OTHERS. WE SHOULD BRING OUR GIFTS WITH A HEART TO BLESS AND SERVE OUR CONGREGATIONS, NOT JUST LOOKING FOR A MUSICAL OUTLET.

BE A TEAM PLAYER

A HEALTHY WORSHIP TEAM CAN PRESENT A POWERFUL PICTURE OF WHAT THE BODY OF CHRIST SHOULD LOOK LIKE - EVERY ONE SERVING IN THEIR OWN UNIQUE WAY TOWARDS ONE UNIFIED GOAL OF HONORING AND WORSHIPING OUR LORD. WITH THIS IS MIND, LOOK FOR WAYS TO SERVE YOUR OTHER TEAM MEMBERS BOTH ON THE STAGE AND OFF. STRIVE TO LIVE IN UNITY AND LOVE. PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER AND BEAR EACH OTHER'S BURDENS.

SERVE YOUR LEADER

AS A WORSHIP BAND MUSICIAN WE ARE IN A SUPPORTING ROLE. GET BEHIND THE VISION OF YOUR LEADER. PRAY FOR THEM REGULARLY. DO YOUR PART TO ENABLE THEM TO LEAD WITH FREEDOM AND BOLDNESS. ASK QUESTIONS TO HELP CLARIFY SECTIONS OF EACH ARRANGEMENT. DO YOUR BEST TO HELP THEM SUCCEED IN THEIR ROLE AS WORSHIP LEADER. THE BEST SUPPORTING MUSICIANS MAKE THE REST OF THE TEAM SOUND BETTER WHEN THEY ARE A PART OF THINGS.

SERVE THE SONG

IT HAS BEEN SAID THAT "THE SONG IS KING." DO YOUR BEST TO TAILOR YOUR PLAYING TO EACH SONG UNIQUELY. THIS MAY REQUIRE SOME PERSONAL MUSICAL SACRIFICE.

SERVE YOUR CONGREGATION -SEE THE BIG PICTURE

WE HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF HELPING TO CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH PEOPLE CAN ENCOUNTER THE LIVING GOD. THIS IS A POWERFUL REALITY OF SERVING IN WORSHIP MINISTRY. EVERYTHING WE DO MUSICALLY SHOULD SERVE THIS END. WE SHOULD BE READY TO JETTISON ANY PART OF WHAT WE ARE PREPARING IF IT DOESN'T SERVE THIS GOAL.

PRESENCE OVER PERFORMANCE

IN ALL THINGS WE SHOULD VALUE THE PRESENCE OF GOD OVER OUR MUSICAL PERFORMANCE. THIS IS A CORNERSTONE VALUE FOR ANY WORSHIP TEAM. WE GATHER AND SING IN ORDER TO MEET WITH GOD. EARNESTLY SEEK HIS FACE TOWARDS THIS END BOTH ON STAGE AND OFF.

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