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RE- FLECTING GOD

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Matthew 4:1-11

Ever notice how easily our minds can drift during worship? We may be singing biblical, powerful, brilliantly crafted lyrics while thinking about what we'll have for lunch, a program or game we saw in the past week, or absolutely nothing at all. Outside we look like we're fully committed to worshiping God. Inside we're doing everything but.

Satan tempted Jesus to question his identity. "If you are the Son of God . . ." make bread from stones; throw yourself down; worship me. In his book *Music Through the Eyes of Faith* Harold Best defines worship as "acknowledging that someone or something else is greater?worth more?and by consequence, to be obeyed, feared, and adored . . . Worship is the sign that in giving myself completely to someone or something, I want to be mastered by it."*

To worship is to be mastered by God alone. To worship is to know who you are, and whose you are! Paul wrote: "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me" (Gal. 2:20a). May you be mastered by Someone greater than self!

* Harold M. Best, *Music Through the Eyes of Faith* (San Francisco: HarperOne, 1993)