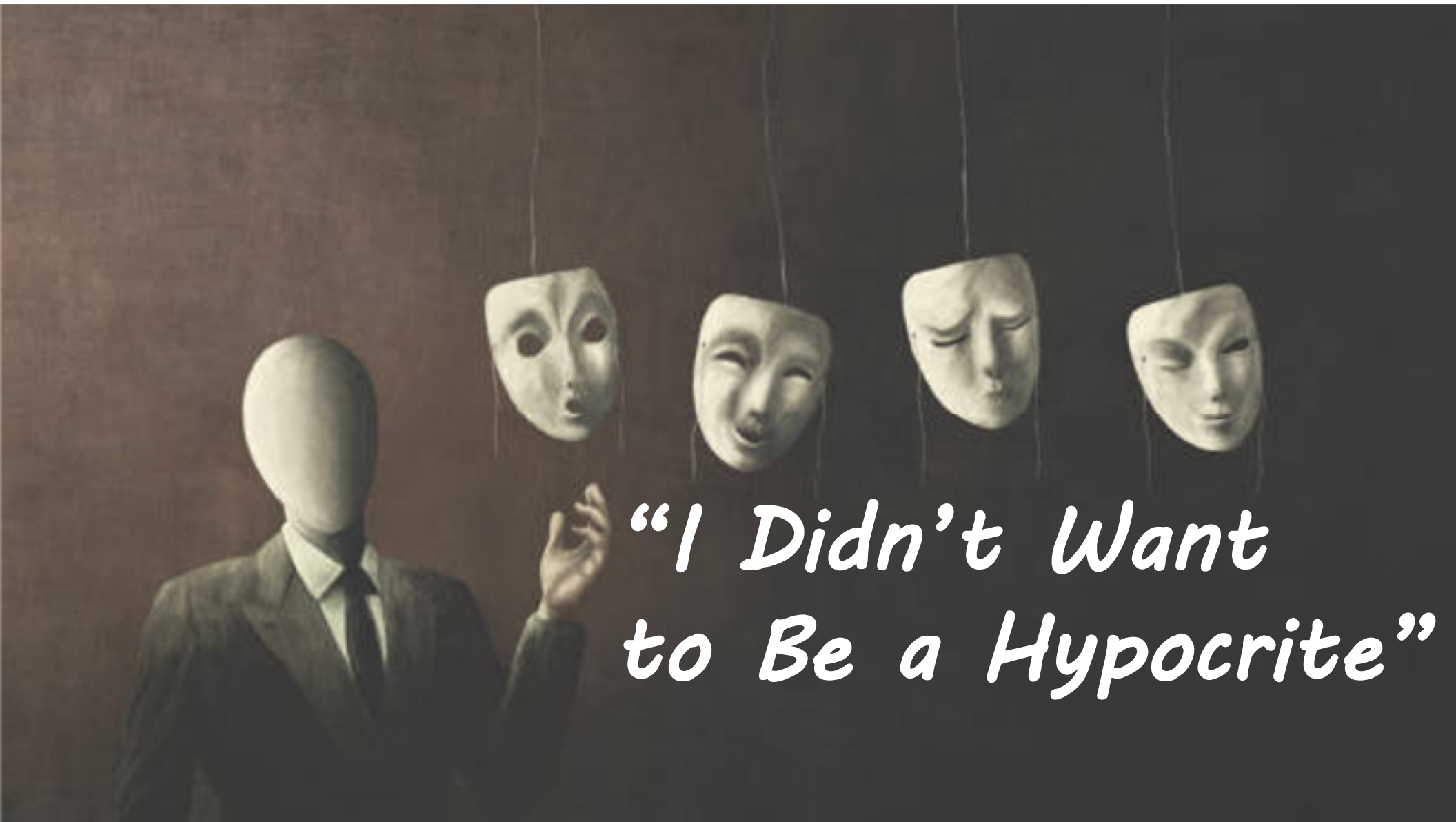




*“I Didn’t Want
to Be a Hypocrite”*



Hypocrite!

“I didn’t go to church today because my heart wasn’t in it... and I didn’t want to be a hypocrite.”

**You don’t wait until you want it
You do it because you need it**

**And eventually... your desires
catch up to your discipline**

Worship is spiritual training.



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“Come before His presence”

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

It's more like: “Come on!”

It's a Procession

People are moving together

**Celebrating on
the way to meet God**



v. 1-2

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This is LOUD worship
**Singing, Shouting,
Instruments, and Public praise**
(1 Chronicles 15:25-28)

But Scripture stretches us and sometimes we need to praise out loud, because something happens when your mouth declares what your heart struggles to believe. (Romans 10:9)





Choose Joy

Sing for joy not Sing if you feel joyful

Joy and sorrow are almost always mixed

The question isn't which emotion is strongest

The question is which one you will feed

You choose joy by choosing to remember who God is

For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

(v. 3-5)

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Worship Through Reverence

**Come, let us bow down in worship, let us
kneel before the Lord our Maker; for he is
our God and we are the people of his pasture, the
flock under his care.**

But Psalm 95 says: You need both

v.6–7a

Loud and Low Joyful and Reverent

**Celebration and
Surrender**

**Because worship isn't about your
preference it's about your formation**

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Choose Humility

Earlier we chose joy now we choose humility

Joy = seeing circumstances in light of God

Humility = seeing yourself in light of God

And sometimes your body helps your soul

Earlier: God over creation — Now: God over us

He is Shepherd — We are sheep

Everything we have comes from Him

**Sheep don't lead the shepherd and
that reality humbles us**

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Worship Through Obedience

Today, if only you would hear his voice, “Do not harden your hearts as you did at Meribah, as you did that day at Massah in the wilderness, where your ancestors tested me; they tried me, though they had seen what I did. For forty years I was angry with that generation; I said, ‘They are a people whose hearts go astray, and they have not known my ways.’ So I declared on oath in my anger, ‘They shall never enter my rest.’”

Jesus quoted Isaiah saying: “These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.”

v.7b–11

Mark 7:6-7





The Heart Check

Don't Delay: "Make it Today"

Don't Avoid: "If you hear His voice"

**Don't Resist: "Do not harden
your hearts"**

Don't Test God

Don't Miss the Rest



**The worship displayed in Psalm 95
moves us: from joy, to humility, to
obedience and finally to rest**





Hypocrite!

It is not hypocrisy to obey when you don't feel like it; it is maturity

You don't wait to feel holy before you worship

You worship so your heart can be shaped

You don't wait to feel humble before you kneel

You kneel so humility can grow

You don't wait to feel obedient

You obey so your heart doesn't harden



**When you don't feel
like worshiping,
that may be
the moment
you need to
worship most**

