

In Awe of God

“Let all the earth fear the LORD; Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him.” – Psalms 33:8

Awe is an overwhelming feeling of reverential respect mixed with fear or wonder. You and I were created to live our lives in awe of our God. Every word that we speak, every action that we take, and every decision that we make is meant to be conducted for the purpose of bringing glory to God.

Unfortunately, we often go about our days without any wonder and amazement for God. We don't notice God and His glory that is displayed all around us. Instead, we are focused on our own busy schedules and our own goals and desires.

Awe is Transformative

“He must increase, but I must decrease.” – John 3:30

When we are in awe, it challenges our frame of mind and forces us to **see things differently**. As we come to be more in awe of God, we realize how small and insignificant we are in comparison to Him. We cannot be in awe of what we fully understand. When we feel that we know how God will or should act, we no longer live from grace. Instead, we just live in expectancy of how God must act in a given situation. We always need to remember that God transcends any concept of category we can use to define or contain Him. He is infinite. The more in awe we are of God, the more insignificant our desires become and the more compelled we are to follow Him.

Awe also **alters our perception of time** because it makes us feel like we have more time. This makes us more patient and it changes the choices that we make about how we spend our time. We are constantly bombarded with stress and activities that life throws at us, but when we are able to fix our eyes on God alone, we will find time to invest more into our community and building the kingdom.

Cultivating Awe

The Bible encourages us to *“be stunned and amazed” (Isaiah 29:9)* and to *“stop and consider God’s wonders” (Job 37:14)* because *“the awe of God is the beginning of wisdom” (Psalms 111:10)*.

One of the ways in which we can be in awe of God is by encountering Him wholeheartedly through prayer and worship.

We can also reflect on our experiences where we see God's presence in our lives and share about these openly with others. It is often in our struggles that we can give God the most space to work in our lives.

As the secretary-treasurer, I plan to support the fellowship through:

1) The administrative and logistical aspect

This is an essential function to ensure that we have a physical space to encounter God without distractions or technical difficulties.

2) Prayer & encouragement

I will strive to support leaders to cultivate awe within their own ministries through intentional encouragement and prayer.