



#RELATIONSHIPGOALS

Bringing People Closer Than Ever

CLOSER TO MY PURPOSE

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Man's chief end is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever.
- *The Westminster Catechism*

The heavens declare the glory of God... - Psalm 19:1 NIV

*The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.
- John 1:14 NIV*

The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word... - Hebrews 1:3 NIV

In Jesus, We See the Glory of God in CONCENTRATED Form.

To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. - Colossians 1:27 NIV

The Difference Between You and Moses:
*God's glory temporarily got ON him.
The glory of God permanently got IN you.*

And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit. - 2 Corinthians 3:18 NIV

How to Grow Closer to My Purpose

1. CONTEMPLATE God's Glory.

One thing I ask from the LORD, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple. - Psalm 27:4 NIV

We Go to Scripture Not Just for Light...but also for HEAT.

2. Walk in HUMILITY.

Then I said, "It's all over! I am doomed, for I am a sinful man. I have filthy lips, and I live among a people with filthy lips. Yet I have seen the King, the LORD of Heaven's Armies." - Isaiah 6:5 NLT

All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble." - 1 Peter 5:5b NIV

**God Doesn't Exist for us, We Exist for Him
and to Bring Him Glory.**

We are to Be Like a WEDDING Planner.

*For my own sake, for my own sake, I do this. How can I let myself be defamed?
I will not yield my glory to another. - Isaiah 48:11 NIV*

3. Serve With BOLDNESS.

Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold. - 2 Corinthians 3:12 NIV

*So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.
- 1 Corinthians 10:31 NIV*

My Next Step This Week...

- Memorize **2 Corinthians 3:18** or **1 Corinthians 10:31**.
- Exhibit the glory of God in every area of my life.
- Start a devotional habit with the Bible and prayer.
- Give my life to Jesus as Savior and Lord, for the first time.

Walk the Talk

A Small Group Discussion Guide

1. What was it like for you to suddenly understand something that was either confusing or puzzling for you to grasp?
2. Read 2 Corinthians 3:7-18 aloud to the group.
 - a. How does Paul contrast the old and new covenants (see also 3:3, 6)?
 - b. Why did Moses' once glorious covenant (see Exodus 34:27-35) have to be replaced with Jesus' new covenant of greater glory (see also Jeremiah 32:31-34 & Romans 3:19-24)?
 - c. How is this the basis for Paul's hope and boldness?
 - d. What are the practical results of this new covenant (see verses 16-18)?
3. Which verse in the outline above spoke most to you in this message? Share with us why you chose that verse.
4. Of the three points under, *How To Grow Closer To My Purpose*, which one stood out to you? Explain.
5. What is the most practical thing you can do this week to "reflect the Lord's glory"?
6. Have a time of prayer for each other to really shine for Jesus Christ in the marketplaces of life.