

HEART READY 2 - AWE AND WONDER

I. RESTORING AWE AND WONDER (*Break the “been there-done that” spirit*)

A. AWE IS RESPECT FOR THE AWESOMENESS OF GOD

1. THE FEAR OF THE LORD - *A clear understanding of How awesome God is helps us have a proper understanding of how small we are*

Proverbs 9:10 “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,
And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

ILLUSTRATION - Teddy Roosevelt - Stargazing (pointing out constellations)
- “Now I think we are small enough! Let’s go to bed.”

2. REVERENCE - *Self-adjustment out of Respect for the Greater One*

1Peter 1:13 NLT So prepare your minds for action and exercise self-control. Put all your hope in the gracious salvation that will come to you when Jesus Christ is revealed to the world. ¹⁴ So you must live as God’s obedient children. Don’t slip back into your old ways of living to satisfy your own desires. You didn’t know any better then. ¹⁵ But now you must be holy in everything you do, just as God who chose you is holy. ¹⁶ For the Scriptures say, “**You must be holy because I am holy.**” (Not perfect - growing maturity - being transformed)

3. JOB’S BREAKTHROUGH - *Clear Understanding of His Rights*

Job 42:1 NLT Then Job replied to the LORD: 2 “**I know that you can do anything, and no one can stop you.**” ³ You asked, ‘Who is this that questions my wisdom with such ignorance?’ **It is I—and I was talking about things I knew nothing about, things far too wonderful for me.** ⁴ You said, ‘Listen and I will speak! I have some questions for you, and you must answer them.’ ⁵ **I had only heard about you before, but now I have seen you with my own eyes.** ⁶ I take back everything I said, and I sit in dust and ashes to show my repentance.”

B. WONDER IS OUR OPEN-HEARTED RESPONSE TO GOD’S MANIFEST GLORY - *Miracles, healings, signs & wonders*

1. THE WONDER OF A CHILD - *Joyful, Trusting, Responsive*

Mark 10:13 *Then they brought little children to Him, that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them.* **14** *But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. **15** *Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it.”**

2. WE CANNOT QUALIFY GLORY TO FIT OUR NARRATIVE

John 9:15 *Then the Pharisees also asked him again how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.”* **16** *Therefore some of the Pharisees said, “This Man is not from God, because He does not keep the Sabbath.” Others said, “How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?” And there was a division among them.* **17** *They said to the blind man again, “What do you say about Him because He opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.” (God’s Messenger)*

3. JESUS DID SIGNS AND WONDERS TO RESTORE OUR WONDER:

John 9:24 *So they again called the man who was blind, and said to him, “Give God the glory! We know that this Man is a sinner.”* **25** *He answered and said, “Whether He is a sinner or not I do not know. One thing I know: that though I was blind, now I see.”*

- **AWE - THE PHARISEE’S HAD LOST THEIR AWE OF MIRACLES**
- **WONDER - THE PHARISEES HAD NO WONDER ONLY CERTAINTY**
- **EXPECTATION AND FAITH - Without awe and wonder there can be NO EXPECTATION OR FAITH FOR MIRACLES**

John 9:30 *The man answered and said to them, “Why, this is a marvelous thing, that you do not know where He is from; yet He has opened my eyes!”* **31** *Now we know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him.* **32** *Since the world began it has been unheard of that anyone opened the eyes of one who was born blind.* **33** *(CREATIVE MIRACLE) If this Man were not from God, He could do nothing.”*

II. AWE AND WONDER IS FOR ALL OF US!

A. DEVELOP AN ATMOSPHERE FOR MIRACLES IN YOUR LIFE

Mark 6:4 *But Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his own country, among his own relatives, and in his own house.”*⁵ Now He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them. ⁶ **And He marveled because of their unbelief.** Then He went about the villages in a circuit, teaching.

1. THE CONDITION OF OUR HEART MATTERS - NO UNBELIEF!

Miracles happen because someone, somewhere is crying out for them! ARE WE PRAYING AND ARE WE READY?

THE BY PRODUCT OF AN OFFENDED HEART THAT DISHONORS AND CRITICIZES OTHERS IS UNBELIEF, RESULTING IN NO MIRACLES

- **NO HONOR** - *Our heart is given greater capacity to receive when we honor God and others*
- **UNBELIEF** - *Our heart is made stronger by believing for miracles*
- **OFFENSE** - *Our heart is restored through love when we forgive*

2. UN-FORGIVENESS IS SO POWERFUL IT REVERSES GRACE

Mark 11:25 *“And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses.*²⁶ **But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses.”**

- **TAKE CARE OF YOUR HEART!** RELEASE GRACE TO OTHERS

2. THE CULTURE OF HONOR - IS ABOUT ELEVATING OTHERS

Philippians 2:3-5 TPT *Be free from pride-filled opinions, for they will only harm your cherished unity. Don’t allow self-promotion to hide in your hearts, but in authentic humility put others first and view others as more important than yourselves.* **[4]** *Abandon every display of selfishness. Possess a greater concern*

for what matters to others **instead of your own interests.** [5] And consider the example that Jesus, the Anointed One, has set before us. **Let his mindset become your motivation.**

- **HUMBLE YOURSELF AND PREFER OTHERS**

LUKE 14:8 “When you are invited by anyone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in the best place, lest one more honorable than you be invited by him; ⁹ and he who invited you and him come and say to you, “Give place to this man,’ and then you begin with shame to take the lowest place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit down in the lowest place, so that when he who invited you comes he may say to you, “Friend, go up higher.’ Then you will have glory in the presence of those who sit at the table with you. ¹¹ **For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”**

- **RELEASE LIFE WITH YOUR WORDS**

Luke 19:5 And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, “Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house.” ⁶ So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. ⁷ But when they saw it, they all complained, saying, “He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner.” ⁸ Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold.” ⁹ And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham

- **SHOW GRATITUDE FOR ALL YOU HAVE BEEN GIVEN**

LUKE 7:44 Then He turned to the woman and said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has washed My feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head. ⁴⁵ You gave Me no kiss, but this woman has not ceased to kiss My feet since the time I came in. ⁴⁶ You did not anoint My head with oil, but this woman has anointed My feet with fragrant oil. ⁴⁷ Therefore I say to you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, the same loves little.”

SHE GAVE HONOR TO JESUS - “Preparing His body for burial”

III. GOD IS WONDROUS. GOD IS AWESOME. BELIEVE IT. SEE MIRACLES