



The Awe-full

Truth





The Main Main Thing (1 Cor 2)

And when I came to you, brethren, I did not come with superiority of speech or of wisdom, proclaiming to you the testimony of God. ² For I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified. ³ I was with you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling, ⁴ and my message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power ⁵ so that your faith would not [c]rest on the wisdom of men, *but on the **power** of God.*



How Does This Work IRL??

- Acts 2:42-47 ⁴² They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and [a]to prayer. *[leading to]*
- ⁴³ [b]Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and **many wonders and [c]signs were taking place** through the apostles. ⁴⁴ And all those who had believed [d]were together and had all things in common;



Begins With LIFE TOGETHER

⁴⁵ and they *began* selling their property and possessions and were sharing them with all, **as anyone might have need.** ⁴⁶ **Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread** [e]from house to house, they were taking their [f]**meals together** with **gladness** and [g]sincerity of heart, ⁴⁷ **praising God** and having favor with all the people.

- And **the Lord was adding** [h]to their number day by day those who were being saved.



Then I Saw With New Eyes

- **Vs 43 – and everyone was feeling a sense of AWE (at church, really??)**
- Gk Phobos – from “to run away out of fear”
- But obviously people weren’t doing that
- Can also mean reverential fear or respect arising from recognizing that you are in the overwhelmingly powerful, holy and glorious presence of God and you are both humbled by it and attracted to it
- Moses and the Burning Bush



The Awe-full (Awesome) Truth

- The powerful, personal participating presence of God was right in the middle of **EVERYTHING**
- They weren't just attracted to Jesus stories or free hotdogs or even works of charity
- They were joyfully uplifted and wonderfully transformed as they experienced the reality of the **LIFE OF GOD MOVING AMONG THEM.**
- And they were changed – **EVERYTHING** was changed as they lost themselves in Him



Soaking in the Glory of God

- Ephesians 3:20 **Now to Him who is able** to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, ²¹ **to Him *be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations*** [n]forever and ever. Amen.
- Wasn't Peter's preaching!!!!
- The totally unprecedented outpouring of His Love and His Presence **drew them deeper and closer to HIM**



Recipe for Awe

- Our life in Him now is to simply fall at his feet and worship Him and minister to Him in complete gratitude and joy and surrender –
- Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, IN ME as it is in heaven
- And in the midst of that, the Holy Spirit begins to move and draws unto His life and His Kingdom, and we become receptacles of His Glory and conduits for His Power and Love



Good News, YOU ARE

- deeply loved by God, *Ephesians 3: 16-19*
- fully accepted by God *Colossians 1:22; 2 Corinthians 5:19, 21*
- completely and permanently forgiven by God, *John 1:29; John 3:16-18; John 19:30*
- lavishly blessed by God, *Ephesians 1:3-8*
- and eternally, perfectly embraced by God as his child; a child who brings Him unspeakable JOY *Zephaniah 3:17, Nehemiah 8:10, Hebrews 12:2*