

When Words Fail

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Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory. (Isa. 6:3)

Try to describe the look on a groom's face when he first sees his bride. The feeling of laughing with a friend until you cry. The beauty of a sunset that took your breath away. The way that special song fills your soul. Some things almost defy human speech and description. We try to convey them, but never quite feel that the other person really gets it. Isaiah faced just such a moment when he encountered God face-to-face. **The Lord's train filling the room . . . the seraphim in flight . . . the door posts shaking. We can't imagine the experience.** Isaiah was, however, at least able to record the words sung in the throne room, words that expressed what struck him most: **God's holiness and authority. In the midst of the beauty and majesty, grasping these characteristics of God was perhaps the most important thing for Isaiah.**

It may be for us, as well. We must see the one who calls us and leads us. We must realize how holy and mighty and glorious He is. Then we can know He can be trusted and followed. He must be trusted and followed. He and only He is worthy and capable of **guiding us. We must enter God's presence and spend time allowing Him to show us who He is.** The first step toward leadership begins with awe of the Lord.

Find time to come alone before God and to silently meditate on His holiness.

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Sermon Notes:
Ephesians 6:10-12

Psalm 57:1-11

1 Samuel 18:30

1 Samuel 22:1-2

1. God is glorified when we _____ Him in the midst of our _____

1 Samuel 24:6-7

Exodus 15:22-24

Numbers 14:7-9

2. God receives glory as we _____ Him in the midst of our _____

Psalm 57:7-11

Philippians 1:20

Reflection: What is one new thing you believe God spoke to you today as a result of worshipping at FOCUS? In what areas of your life could you glorify God with this week by trusting in Him rather than your own human methods and strength? How will you praise Him even when life is or becomes tough?

The Word of God directs us as we consider what the **next step** is for our lives. What is your next step?

Challenge: This week I will pray for the leaders of our nation:

Communion at FOCUS

Every Sunday at FOCUS we celebrate the **Lord's Table, also known as Communion**. We have open communion which means all are invited to receive. We receive communion elements by intinction. Tearing off a small piece of the loaf of bread, dipping it in the communion glass of juice, and then consuming it immediately. Please note, upon your request, we also have gluten free elements for those with gluten and other major food allergies.

30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim World

Beginning May 15, and ending June 14 is Ramadan this year. During that same time frame, there is a world-wide call to prayer for Christians on behalf of Muslims around the globe. Our prayer is this, while Muslims are seeking to have encounters with Allah, that they would encounter Jesus. Will you join with us in prayer?

FOCUS Youth Group - tonight 6:30 - 8 PM

Next Sunday - Father's Day

June 17, 2018 is Father's day. Mark your calendar and don't forget!



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