

Sunday Assembly Reflection

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REFLECTION: Jim preached on Psalm 104, saying that we can overcome a crisis of faith by recapturing a sense of wonder and awe at the works of the Creator King. When we face hard times, we may begin to doubt God's presence and goodness. We are tempted to ask, along with the psalmist, "Where is God?" and "How long will you hide from us?"

The psalms are particularly helpful, Jim said, in showing us how to dig deep and "mine for hope." We have to go deep to find it, because hope does not lie on the surface of life. Interestingly, Psalm 104 cites the marvels of creation to lift Israel out of a crisis of faith. "It starts with what they know, to help them see more clearly what they don't know," Jim said.

I was challenged by Jim's comment that if we look at the order and coherence of creation, we will find that "there is always more to be astonished by than to doubt." My mode of operation in a crisis is to try to figure out myself what went wrong so that I can fix a situation gone bad.

I've got it backwards. I don't need so much to understand everything first; I need to simply believe God is bigger than my crisis, that He can handle it and that He is for me.

The next time I face a crisis, I want to first take a deep breath and immerse myself in wonder and awe, to remind myself, as Jim said, that "there is nothing wrong with God. "He is not tired or washed out. Go deeper than doubting God."

QUESTIONS: Please answer one or more of the questions below with your small group, and be sure to pray for each other at the end.

1. Current national and international events may be tempting you to think God doesn't have a handle on things. How would meditating on the awesome works of our Creator King relieve anxiety and provide perspective?
2. What are some practical ways you can regain your childlike astonishment over God's order and coherence in creation to better help you focus on His majesty?

Pray for one another to recapture a wonder and awe at how big God is, so that we will trust Him in the things we may not understand.

Re-read Psalm 104 and be astonished!

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