Symps...Help, Hope and Healing

To God Be The Glory



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September 27, 2020 Pastor Scott George To God Be The Glory John 2:1-11

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In what ways does your life glorify God?

God gets glory when we...

1. Create in His image John 2:1, On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there.

Cana - to create

Genesis 1:1, In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

2. Allow God to turn our emptiness into blessings John 2:3, When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."

3. Focus on internal character not external performance

John 2:6, Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.

4. By faith believe the best is yet to come

John 2:10, ...and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now."

5. Ask God to miraculously change our lives and circumstances

John 2:11, What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.



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[Weekly Devotion Questions]

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1. How does God get glory when you follow in His image and create, versus imitate?

2. In what areas has God turned your emptiness into fullness? Explain.

3. Why is it so easy to focus on our external performance to please God?

[Story Behind The Hymn] **READ BETWEEN THE LINES** To God Be The Glory

Occasionally a hymn drops into the furrows of history to be buried and forgotten awhile, only to later spring to life for future generations. That's what happened with Fanny Crosby's "To God Be the Glory." It first appeared in a little volume of hymns published in 1875 titled "Praise for Redemption" (as it was originally called). As it turned out, "Praise for Redemption" wasn't much of a hit. It wasn't widely sung nor included in many hymnals; it just lay hidden for 80 years.

In 1954, Billy Graham was planning an evangelistic crusade at London's Harringay Arena. As Cliff Barrows, music director for the Graham team, was compiling hymns for the 'Greater London Crusade Song Book,' Frank Colquhoun, a prolific British preacher and a great lover of hymns, approached him. He gave Barrows a copy of "Praise for Redemption," with its exuberant chorus: "Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear His voice!" Though unfamiliar with the hymn, Barrows decided to use it anyway.

Meanwhile problems were mounting for Graham. Friends in high places were advising Graham to cancel or postpone the meetings. Graham, shaken, dropped to his knees repeatedly, beseeching help from heaven. As it turned out, Harringay Arena was packed for three months, and the crusade sparked a sense of revival across Great Britain. "To God Be the Glory" seemed a fitting theme. Fanny Crosby's old hymn was sung almost every night in Harringay, launching it into worldwide popularity as one of Christianity's favorite hymns.

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4. In what areas has the enemy lied to you in believing the best is behind you?

5. In what areas can you ask God to step in and intervene on your behalf?