

THE LAGOON WON'T DO

John 17:5

Last week I mentioned some of the classic toys we are all familiar with. The one that had to be the classic of my kids' childhood was Nintendo. All of us are now familiar with Mario, Luigi and all the other characters of that game system. But here's a bit of trivia you may not know: when did the Nintendo company start? I was shocked to learn that it began the same year that the Eiffel Tower was built. It began in 1889 as a playing card company!

Speaking of old things, did you know that Harvard University was founded before calculus was invented? Harvard began in 1636, Isaac Newton and Gottfried Leibniz both came up with calculus in the 1680's. So for 40 plus years you could have graduated from Harvard with a degree in Mathematics without taking calculus. Does that leave you in awe of how old Harvard is? Probably not. Well here's another historical fact: the last time the Chicago Cubs won the World Series, the Ottoman Empire was still in existence. That was 1908. Does that leave you in awe of how inept that baseball organization is? Maybe. I am amazed at the continuing popularity of the movie *Star Wars*. Do you know how old it is? France was still using the guillotine for executions when that movie came out. Here's another curious fact: Actress Betty White was born in 1922. Sliced bread was invented in 1928, which makes Betty White older than sliced bread. Does that leave you in awe of how old she is?

Those things probably don't leave you in awe, though they are a little curious. But what are you in awe of? In our culture we don't do reverence and awe much. And that is to our loss, especially when it comes to awe of God. I want you to think with me about awe of God. When I first started serving as a pastor I was asked what I wanted to accomplish, what I wanted to do in a church. My answer wasn't what the people who asked were looking for. It was that I wanted to have a church in which the people truly love each other with the love of Christ and that they would have an awe of God. The awe of God is a topic you may not think much about, but I submit to you that you should, because you need it. We all do.

WHY IS AN AWE OF GOD IMPORTANT?

We saw that in John 17:5 Jesus alludes to the fact that he was returning to the glory he once had that is now rightfully his. Were we to see him in all of his glory it would be a devastating experience, way more than merely intimidating. We would be overwhelmed at his majesty, power, and pure blazing holiness and goodness.

What we learned before was that when we see Jesus as he is, the glorified Lord, it will be transforming for us. I wish to return to that theme today. In his classic book, *The Knowledge of the Holy* (p. 6), A. W. Tozer wrote, "If we would bring back spiritual power to our lives, we must begin to think of God more nearly as he is." Who does not want spiritual power? We all do. Tozer went on to write, "What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us" (p. 9). Do you believe that? It is true. Your concept of God will have a profound impact on what kind of person you are.

Colossians 1:16 says of Christ, “For by him all things were created; things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible; whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him.” Listen to those last words. All things were created for him. What an astounding assertion. God made us, and he made us a particular way for a particular purpose. He made us to live in tune with his purpose. He made us to live in relationship with him. In fact, we are made to live in awe of God, overwhelmed by his glory. We were created to breathe a mixture of 78% nitrogen and 21% oxygen plus small amounts of other elements. Without that mixture we would die. We were also made to live in awe of God. We are perfectly suited to it, and if we don’t have it we will die spiritually.

Albert Einstein said, “The most beautiful thing we can experience is the mysterious.” He said the person “who can no longer pause to wonder and stand rapt in awe is as good as dead.” A man as smart as that understood that humans were created to live in awe, and without it something dies within us. Let me be very clear here. You need to live in awe of God. Every human does. This is not merely a good idea. It is as essential to us as having gravity and air. If you do not live in awe of God you are dying inside.

What happens to us when we don’t have an awe of God? A number of things, but here are just a few:

We will try to find awe where it doesn’t exist

You have a big need inside you to have this wonder and awe at God. If you don’t have it there will be a large void inside you and you will go looking for something to fill it. Just like if you do not have the food you need to survive physically you will search for it, so if you don’t have awe of God you need spiritually you will go searching for it in some way.

There is a quote incorrectly attributed to G. K. Chesterton that speaks to this need in us. The quote is actually from a book titled *The World, The Flesh and Father Smith*, by Bruce Marshall. Marshall wrote, “The young man who rings the bell at the brothel is unconsciously looking for God.” He claimed that the young man feels that void and is trying to fill it with pleasure. Partying, rampant sex, drugs, alcohol, even the pursuit of wealth and success are all attempts to fill the void that is left when we lack wonder and awe of God. The problem with this is that what you were created for is that which is truly awesome. What you are trying to find is that which is pure, unadulterated, unfailing beauty, majesty and good. However, only God is perfect. Only he is totally good in every possible way. Everything else is flawed. Everything else is limited in some way, it is tainted at least to some extent, it is not utterly pure and it is perishable.

Without an awe of God you condemn yourself to a futile exercise. You will be continually looking for something to fill the need for awe, but it will never be enough. You will be ever thirsty and frustrated by your inability to finally gain that which you seek.

We lose hope

Jesus had warned his followers in John 16:33 that in this world they would have trouble. Paul wrote in Romans 8 that all of creation is groaning and we groan with it. Life is going to be chaotic, it is going to have problems, and it is going to hand us pain and loss. What can sustain us in such times? If we live in awe of a great, sovereign, good and loving God, that awe will sustain us. It will give us hope that all is not lost, and that even in the pain there is some good point to it. In Psalm 28 David cried out asking God for mercy and to hear his plea for help. He describes some of the difficulties he saw in life. Then in verse 7 he said, “The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and I am helped. My heart leaps for joy.” What gave him strength, help and joy was his awe of God.

We will disobey God

If we have great awe and reverence for God we will know at the core of our being that he is wise and good. We will know that what he tells us to do is for our benefit, and that to disobey him leads to disaster. As a result we will have great motivation to obey him. But if we don't have such awe of him we will question whether what he says is true. We know that God will at times ask us to do things that are hard and even costly. If we do not live in awe of him we might easily decide that obeying him is not in our best interest. Imagine you are one of the trio of young Israelites in Babylon in Daniel 3 who learn that if they don't bow down to King Nebuchadnezzar's idol they are going to be executed by being thrown into a blazing fire. God said they should never worship such an idol. Obeying him clearly would not seem to be for their good. If they obeyed God they were going to be executed in a horrifying way. But those men lived with great reverence for God, so they obeyed him even when it appeared costly. The only reason they would make such a potentially costly choice was their awe and reverence for God.

When Toby was a junior in high school he had turned into a very good baseball player, to my surprise. But that year he had a coach who had no knowledge of the game. I have no idea how the guy got the job because he wasn't a great leader and he had no idea how to play the game. One time when Toby was in a streak where he was hitting the ball extremely well the coach decided he should try to “fix” him and told him to change his grip on the bat. But the way he told him to hold the bat would have made it nearly impossible for him to swing it! It was downright idiotic. Unfortunately he did this kind of thing on a fairly regular basis. The players formed an exceedingly low opinion of him. This led to two results: first, they did not do what he said, and second, they didn't want anything to do with him. They just wanted to avoid contact with the guy. If we do not have awe of God, if we have a low opinion of him, it will have the same effect. First we won't listen to him, and second we won't want anything to do with him.

Recently I was in Encinitas when an Amtrak train came through. It was big, loud and fast. It roared through the town going more than 50 miles per hour. I had this strange thought. What if that thing jumped the tracks? Can you imagine that powerful thing blasting through cars waiting at an intersection and crashing into buildings along the tracks? The destruction

would be horrifying. Think of yourself as that train. The track we were created to run on is the awe of God. When we are on that track we become healthy, whole, secure, useful and even powerful. But what happens if we jump the track? We will bring destruction to ourselves and to others. It will be horrifying.

This is where the problem I want to address today comes in. Seeing the goodness of God, the character of God should fill us with wonder, gratitude, humility, love and amazement. In short, because God is awesome he should fill us with awe. Unfortunately, all too often that does not happen. Christian author and counselor Paul Tripp says, “What should stun us doesn’t stun us anymore. I’m convinced that many of us live...day after day without any awe whatsoever. We live days, maybe even weeks without wonder and amazement.”

We can’t manufacture awe. Pretending awe is exhausting and kills our souls. But it is God’s will that we see the glory of the Lord Jesus and live in awe of him. Psalm 2:11 says, “Serve the Lord with fear and rejoice with trembling.” Psalm 96:9 says, “Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness; tremble before him, all the earth.” Hebrews 12:28 tells us to worship God acceptably with reverence and awe. Since it is God’s will surely he must make it possible for us to live in awe before him. So what can we do to have more awe, wonder and reverence before the glorified Lord Jesus Christ? There is no formula, no steps to live in awe of God, but there are some things we can do to help increase our awe of God.

HOW CAN WE DEEPEN OUR AWE OF GOD?

SEE HIS GLORY IN CREATION

Speaking of the Lord Psalm 97:6 says, “The heavens proclaim his righteousness, and all the peoples see his glory.” Psalm 19:1-4 says, “The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.” We can see something of the glory of the Lord by looking at creation.

Unfortunately we live in a human centered, human manufactured and human dominated environment. Years ago our family went to Nashville for a family celebration. We went out to dinner one evening and came back to our hotel. We parked at the edge of the parking lot which was bordered by some woods. When we got out of the car Laurie and the kids experienced a first. They saw fireflies flitting around. They had never seen fireflies before. Laurie said, “It looks just like the Pirates of the Caribbean ride at Disneyland.” For her the reality was the man made thing and she compared this to it.

We live in a place where we don’t experience a lot of nature. We don’t encounter wild life much, other than an occasional possum or some coyotes. We don’t experience the extremes of weather that people in other parts of the world do. We live in homes that shield us from nature and we live in a big city. We don’t grow our own food. So where does our food come

from? The supermarket. Our whole existence cuts us off from the astounding miracles of creation.

Many of the Psalms were written by David. When you read those Psalms you see a lofty sense of the glory and majesty of God. Where do you think he got his view of God's glory? He was the one who said the heavens declare the glory of God. It's not hard to figure out why he thought that. As a young shepherd he had nights out in the pasture with the sheep, gazing up at the dazzling display of stars. That sight was not dimmed by the interference of ambient man made light nor by pollution. As he looked up at the panorama of those countless blazing stars his heart was stirred. He felt his smallness and sensed the majesty, the power, the glory of the God who created all of that.

In Psalm 29:3-8 David wrote, "The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord thunders over the mighty waters. The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is majestic. The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon. He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, Sirion like a young wild ox. The voice of the Lord strikes with flashes of lightning. The voice of the Lord shakes the desert." What was going on there? David had taken shelter and was experiencing the power of a thunderstorm. He wasn't literally saying the thunder was God speaking. He was using the imagery of poetry to say that the awesome might of a thunderstorm spoke to him of the power of God. That's something we in San Diego County don't know much about. We get puny thunderstorms that last a few minutes and are actually miles away once or twice a year. Have you ever felt the full force of a powerful thunderstorm? It is intimidating isn't it?

Years ago our family was vacationing in Florida. We were in a store in Key Largo when a thunderstorm rolled in. We were about to leave the store when some lightning hit nearby and the thunderclap hit us. The store shook, the windows rattled and we could feel it down in the pit of our stomachs. We decided to stay there a while longer. When I was in college I had an even more spectacular encounter. We were out in a field next to the baseball field playing softball. The sky got more and more ominous, we heard some thunder, but we were California kids. We didn't think anything of it. And then a lightning bolt hit. The lightning forked, one fork hit a large tree farther away and split it, the other fork struck the big steel backstop of the baseball field which lit up when it hit. The sight of that lightning strike was powerful and impressive. But it was the sound I remember. It was like the world exploded. Words cannot express the force of that explosion. Without anybody saying a word all of us immediately sprinted back to our dorm across the street.

When you encounter nature like that you begin to realize that all of the power of the human race, impressive though it may be, pales in comparison. Carissa and Michael sent us a picture a couple of weeks back of them with Lily Belle, their rabbit, in their walk in closet. They spent hours there because they were being stalked by tornadoes. Even after the danger of that passed Carissa had trouble sleeping because the thunderstorms continued. They were so loud they kept her awake.

David spent days, months, years of his life out in nature with the sheep. He had lots of time to observe and to reflect. He saw the cycles of the seasons, the power of the storms, the glory of plants and crops growing to provide food, the miracle of birth. He saw the beauty of nature and its power. He saw God's handiwork and was humbled by it and grateful for what God gave.

As we think about nature we begin to get in touch with how big, how powerful, how awesome the Creator is. Just think about the universe. The largest star that has been identified is Canis Majoris, which means "big dog." If it were at the center of the solar system in place of the sun it is so big it would extend beyond the orbit of Saturn. Do you ever think about the size of what God has created? Imagine the sun to be the size of a penny. If you put it down in front of you, by that scale the nearest star, Alpha Centauri, would be out beyond Las Vegas, some 350 miles away. Mostly in between is empty space. The edge of our galaxy, not the universe, just our galaxy, would be 7.5 million miles away. It is inconceivably vast! Why did God make it so vast? I don't know, but I do know one effect it has. It shouts to us that God is powerful beyond our ability to even imagine.

Creation also speaks to us of the wisdom and love of God. Wonders are all around us, placed there by God to speak to our hearts. Consider the human brain. It has the ability to hold 10^{14} bits of information. That's enough to fill 25 million books. By contrast the Library of Congress holds 17 million books. The capacity of the human brain is astounding. Mozart said that entire musical compositions would suddenly just appear in his brain. In his book, *Extraordinary People*, Dr. Darold Treffert relates the story of a young man named Jedidiah. He is handicapped and has the mental age of a ten year old. Yet when asked, "In a body whose 3 sides are 23,145,789 yards by 5,642,732 yards by 54,965 yards, how many 1/8 inch cubes exist?" he was able to calculate the correct 28 digit figure. Jedidiah asked, "would you like the answer backward or forward?" My brain can't do that. It doesn't produce music compositions for the ages either. True, but the point is the human brain has the power to produce such marvels. God has created a phenomenal thing.

In a talk at the Technology, Entertainment and Design conference mathematician Alexander Tsiaras discussed the amazing development of a human fetus from conception to birth. He calls it a marvel and a miracle. He concludes by saying that as he looks at this marvel, "It's a mystery; it's magic; it's divinity...It's beyond any comprehension of any existing mathematics today." Consider the marvel of your eyes. On a dark clear night they are so sensitive they can detect the light of a candle flame 30 miles away. Consider the beauty of a flower, of the sky, of the ocean. Be amazed at all the marvels of creation and you may begin to get a sense of the glory of the glorified Jesus Christ who created it all. One problem we have is we are so busy, so walled off from nature, that we lose the wonder of it. Take time to contemplate, to consider, to drink in, to experience the power, wisdom, majesty and love of our Lord in his creation.

SEE GOD'S GLORY IN HIS CHARACTER

Psalm 150 calls on everything that has breath to praise God. In verse 2 it says, "Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness." So we are to praise God for the astounding things he has done, his acts of power. But we are also to be in awe of and praise him for his greatness. To do that we must know why he is great. What is he like that makes him so great?

We tend to dumb God down. What people like to hear about today is a God of love. And of course in our culture love is now defined as not only accepting but approving of everything a person is and does. So of course God becomes a God of love who accepts and approves of everyone and everything they do. To do anything else would be judgmental and harsh. The picture so many have of God is far from a holy, sovereign God who actually will judge the human race and whose power is not limited in any way. They don't like the picture of the Lord Jesus that John paints in the book of Revelation that is so awesome that it caused John to fall on his face before him.

We need to know God for who he is. If we want to have a real life giving relationship with God we are going to need to find out what he's really like. We're going to have to bow before him as he is. This means accepting his revelation of himself. It means making it a priority at all times in life to see not what I think or some person thinks, but to find out what God says about himself. That means searching his Word, the Bible, to learn how he describes himself. It will mean not trying to put God in a human created box. We will have to accept the mystery of God's holiness and majesty, to worship even though we cannot truly understand.

There are things that happen in the Bible that are beyond us. For instance, in Romans 9 Paul quoted Exodus 33:19 where God said, "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy." In other words, I will choose whomever I want. In Romans 9:19 Paul raises the obvious objection. "Then why does God still blame us? For who resists his will?" Right. If God chooses some and not others, how can that be fair? The response in verses 20-21 is, "Who are you, O man, to talk back to God? Shall what is formed say to him who formed it, 'Why did you make me like this?' Does not the potter have the right to make out of the same lump of clay some pottery for noble purposes and some for common use?" Well I don't like that answer at all. I'm the pot and God has the right to make of me whatever he wants? And I don't have the right to complain or object? Wow, I really don't like that. And I really don't understand that. So the question is, am I willing to take God straight as he reveals himself to be, or am I going to shape him in my image?

A God who is submitted to my judgment and confined to the limits of my comprehension is not really God at all. He is created in my image. Do you think I live in awe of me? A God I can comprehend totally because he is my own creation is, in the end, an epic fail. **A God like that will never create awe in me.** And a God who is not awesome will never inspire me or you.

In his book *Yawning at Tigers* Drew Dyck tells of going to the big island of Hawaii for a vacation. He and his wife stayed at the beautiful Hilton Waikoloa resort there. The resort has a gorgeous man made lagoon that is full of fish and even sea turtles. He said it was beautiful when he jumped in and swam across that lagoon seeing all the sea life. And what was really great about it was there were no swells, no waves, no dangerous tides or currents, no sharks, no jellyfish or other animals that might pose any threat of injury. It seemed perfect. It was safe, peaceful and beautiful. What could be better? But something strange happened. After a couple of days it became boring. He found himself drawn to the actual ocean. It was a little riskier, a little rougher, but oddly appealing. Dyck says of the lagoon, “Sure, it’s fun for a while. But it’s not invigorating... There’s something inside you that longs to leave the lagoon and strike out for the deep.” He says it is the same with God. It is only when we have “a ravishing vision of God’s grandeur” that we will experience the real thrill and passion we were intended to have.

SEE GOD’S GLORY BY WORSHIPING

There is something powerful about singing praise to God. Music reaches us in a way that goes beyond just delineating some truths. When we sing songs of praise to God it lifts our vision of who he really is, and does so at a level deeper than merely our minds. Psalm 9:1-2 says, “I will praise you, O Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonders. I will be glad and rejoice in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.”

Think of songs like *Glorious* by Paul Baloche. It says, “No one else above him, none as strong to save, he alone has conquered the power of the grave. Glorious, my eyes have seen the glory of the Lord. Glorious, he stands above the rulers of the earth. Glorious, Lord you are glorious.” Or Chris Tomlin’s song *Indescribable*, that says, “Indescribable, uncontainable, you placed the stars in the sky and you know them by name. You are amazing God. All powerful, untamable, awestruck we fall to our knees and we humbly proclaim you are amazing God. Incomparable, unchangeable, You see the depths of my heart and you love me the same. You are amazing God.”

Psalm 22 is an appeal to God for rescue from one in great distress. It is the Psalm Jesus quoted while dying on the cross. In verse 22 David wrote, “I will declare your name to my people; in the assembly I will praise you.” There is a special place for praising God among others who love him.

But worship isn’t just a corporate thing. It is a way of life. It is grounded in submission to God. In fact, the very act of singing praise to God brings us to a place of acknowledging who he is and submitting to him. That should continue in the way we live each and every day. As we submit to him, as we obey him and as we submit to whatever he brings into our lives, we learn who he really is. Sometimes we only really understand the greatness and goodness of God by going through some of the difficulties of life and trusting him.

SEE GOD'S GLORY BY SEEKING HIM

In Exodus 33:15 after Israel had abandoned God and started worshiping a stupid idol at its first opportunity Moses was concerned that God would have no more to do with them. He asked God to continue to go with them. "If your presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here." In verse 17 God said, "I will do the very thing you have asked." So God agreed to go with them because he was pleased with Moses.

That was great, but it wasn't quite enough for Moses. Moses had been given more revelation of God than any human. He knew God as the great I Am, the self-existent, eternal Creator God. He knew him as a powerful God who could part seas, defeat enemies and provide water in the desert. He knew him as the Law Giver, a God of righteousness. So he is big, powerful, moral and just. But could he really get close to this God? Did God really care about him? Moses knew such a God could be a threat to be close to, more than a little dangerous. He wanted to know more of God. He wanted to know if he dared actually be close to this God.

So in verse 18 Moses said, "Now show me your glory." God's glory is that which makes him worthy of awe, worthy of reverence. It was a way of saying to God, "Show me what you're really like." What a nervy move on Moses' part. Think of all that God has already shown him, all that God had already done for him. Surprisingly God responded. In verses 20-23 God said if he exposed Moses to the fullness of his glory it would destroy him. Moses couldn't take it. But God said essentially, "I will let you see as much as you can take."

In Exodus 34:6-7 the Lord passed by Moses and revealed himself. "The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, is slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished." That revelation of God is huge, one we can learn much from. But the point I think is significant is that God desires to reveal himself. He was pleased that Moses asked and he responded to that request.

In Deuteronomy 4 God warned Israel that if they were unfaithful and worshiped false gods he would scatter them among the nations. But then he said in verse 29, "But if from there you seek the Lord your God, you will find him if you look for him with all your heart and with all your soul." Moses wanted to truly know God more than he wanted anything else. He sought that, and God answered that prayer. The same is true for us. If we seek him, if we ask him to show us his glory and then we look for it, we will see it. In Matthew 7:7 Jesus said, "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."

But observe those words. Ask, seek, knock. These are not words of preference. Seeking involves effort. Have ever lost your wallet? I did it once when I was 18. I dropped it in a theater when I went to see a movie with some buddies. That was back when I didn't have any credit cards and very little cash. Even then it was a headache. Last year I thought I had lost my wallet and I panicked. Oh no, I had credit card companies to call, the bank, I would have to get a new driver's license. What else was in there? I had to find it. Here's the thing: trying

to find my wallet took precedence over everything else. It was all that mattered. Nothing else could crowd it out. I was seeking my wallet and wouldn't stop until I either found it or exhausted every possibility. I eventually did find it. It turned out that I was wearing some shorts that had a cargo pocket and I had forgotten that I had put the wallet in that pocket. Yes, I know, you're thinking this guy is as dumb as a rock. Well, in my defense I will say...actually there's nothing I can say in my defense. Just call me granite brain. But you get the point, I think. Seeking means this thing takes precedence over everything else. That same idea is found in Deuteronomy 4:29. "If you look for him *with all your heart*."

Ask God to give you a bigger vision of his glory. But don't do it in an offhand way. Seek him. Desire that vision, for it is the source of hope, joy and transformation. Look for him. He typically will reveal himself in small and quiet ways. His coming into this world as a baby not a powerful ruler should tell you to expect him to appear in quiet ways. Francois Fenelon said we should ask God to reveal himself to us in all things and said that when we look for him we will see him everywhere in life.

What we need is a God who inspires us, a God so great we cannot help but love him with all our heart.

Again I will refer to Drew Dyck's book, *Yawning At Tigers*. He tells the story of a show he saw on television that had a central character who was an immigrant from a culture in which they have arranged marriages. His parents arranged a marriage for him. He was like many children of immigrants. He was an American with an American cultural view. He chafed at the idea of having to marry someone he didn't even know, someone his parents picked out for him. He was torn. He wanted to rebel, he wanted to insist on living by his new culture and being allowed the freedom to choose his own spouse. It just made sense to him. Why shouldn't he be able to make the biggest decision of his life for himself? But he also loved his parents. He didn't want to break their hearts. He didn't know what to do. In his indecision he let the process move forward, fully knowing that he couldn't go along with it. It got so far that the chosen bride was going to come to America. He was to go to the airport with the family to meet her. He dutifully went, chafing, knowing this was going to end bad. Right up to the moment he saw her. She was *beautiful*. All of a sudden his whole attitude changed. He suddenly found himself thinking this was a great idea.

As long as God is that distant concept out there that we don't really know, we might even be dutiful about obeying him, but we're never going to throw ourselves into it. We'll chafe, we'll hold back, and what we'll really do is pursue our own will and desires. But when we see God as he is, when we see that he is awesome, that he is majestic, that he is beautiful, suddenly we will embrace the program with joy, and living for his will becomes the passion of our lives.