

Overflowing

2 Corinthians 3:18 (NKJV)

¹⁸ But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

The life of a believer is not meant to be lived from pit to pit

- His desire is for us to live from glory to glory

We should be so full of God that others get blessed from the overflow in our lives

The truth is that right now you are as full of God as you want to be

God wants you blessed even more than you do but we must realize that He has already done everything through the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ

Four keys to leading a life that is overflowing

Romans 1:21 (NKJV)

²¹ because, although they knew God, they did not glorify *Him* as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

- Here we see four steps we can take to either draw closer to God or walk away
- This is true for salvation as well as every area of provision in our life available through the gospel

If you are not experiencing God's blessing in some area of your life or no longer sense His presence it's because you took steps that led you away from hearing His voice

- *They didn't Glorify Him as God*
- *They were unthankful*
- *They became worthless in their thoughts and imaginations*
- *Their foolish hearts became darkened*

Before you lose the benefit of anything the Lord has done in your life you must pass through these four steps

It's not too late to reverse your steps – repent

Start to...

- Glorify God
- Be thankful
- Recognize the power of your imagination – (*dreams and visions are the language of heaven*)
- Have a good heart

Depending on how you walk out these steps in your everyday life, you decide whether or not you stay full of God

1 – Glorify God

- Glorify (**Romans 1:21**) – “*to render (or esteem) glorious*”
- Esteem – “*to value, to prize, or to reverence*”

What do you place value and importance on?

Do you glorify (*esteem*) the things of God more than the things of this world?

Some people place so much value on their marriage, family, career, and other people's acceptance that it competes for the worth they place on the word of God – **Luke 14:26**

- Don't allow something else to occupy the position of God's word in your life
- Don't let your friends, your boss, your spouse, your children allow you to question God's word to you

Hebrews 12:1–2 (NKJV)

12 Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares *us*, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of *our* faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

- Jesus placed greater value on the mission than the shame associated with it
- He was not concerned with the way things looked in the natural
- The mission was paramount
 - “*despising the shame*” – “*to disesteem*” – *the exact opposite of glorifying, magnifying, valuing, and prizing*
- Jesus disesteemed the shame associated with what He had to go through

Philippians 3:7–8 (NKJV)

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- You cannot truly glorify God and everything else at the same time
- It will cause your life to seesaw back and forth and vacillate between God's word and the things of this life
- You must esteem one and disesteem everything else
- Before Jesus faced the crucifixion, He had already disesteemed His own life and viewed everything else worthless compared to the will of God

Philippians 1:21, 23-24 (NKJV)

²¹ For to me, to live *is* Christ, and to die *is* gain.

²³ For I am hard-pressed between the two, having a desire to depart and be with Christ, *which is* far better. ²⁴ Nevertheless to remain in the flesh *is* more needful for you.

- Paul penned this letter while chained in a Philippian dungeon
- Yet he used the words “joy”, “rejoice”, and “rejoicing” a total of seventeen times in four chapters
- Your life is important but compared to God it's worth nothing
- As long as you're at the center of your universe you will be upset when things don't go your way
- When you're wrapped up in yourself you make a very small package

The truth is we can make God bigger or “*Magnify*” Him by the way you think

- Your mind is like a pair of binoculars
- Depending on the choices you make and the things you focus on, you can either magnify or diminish your problems

The thing you’re upset about right now probably won’t matter in 12 months

- Why?
- Because it’s really not significant in light of what God has done for you through Christ Jesus
- The problem is, most of us have *misplaced values*

We think our lives are full of pressure because we don’t have the newest video game, latest designer jeans or newest iPhone

- If you don’t believe me take a trip to a third world country

What’s important to you? What do you value? What’s bigger?

- Is the doctor’s report or God’s word bigger?

We need to get to the place where God’s word is far bigger in our lives than the problem we’re facing

The way we do that is by *glorifying, praising, and thanking* God for what He has done

Find someone in the word who has a similar situation to you and overcame it

Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir Defeated

2 Chronicles 20:1–3 (NKJV)

20 It happened after this *that* the people of Moab with the people of Ammon, and *others* with them besides the Ammonites, came to battle against **Jehoshaphat**. ² Then some came and told Jehoshaphat, saying, “A great multitude is coming against you from beyond the sea, from Syria; and they are in Hazazon Tamar” (which *is* En Gedi). ³ And Jehoshaphat feared, and set himself to seek the LORD, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah.

- The first thing Jehoshaphat does is seek the Lord
- Fear is a feeling but the word of God needs to become greater than your fear
- Are you in the habit of getting a word from God when you sense something contrary?
- Do you meditate on God’s word or vacillate according to your emotions?
- What are you saying?

2 Chronicles 20:6–7 (NKJV)

⁶ and (*Jehoshaphat*) *said*: “O LORD God of our fathers, *are* You not God in heaven, and do You *not* rule over all the kingdoms of the nations, and in Your hand *is there not* power and might, so that no one is able to withstand You? ⁷ Are You not our God, *who* drove out the inhabitants of this land before Your people Israel, and gave it to the descendants of Abraham Your friend forever?

The people start to gather together and recite the faithfulness and goodness of God

As they are worshiping in the temple the word of the Lord comes forth through Jahaziel

2 Chronicles 20:16–17, 21-23 (NKJV)

¹⁶ Tomorrow go down against them. They will surely come up by the Ascent of Ziz, and you will find them at the end of the brook before the Wilderness of Jeruel. ¹⁷ You will not *need* to fight in this *battle*. Position yourselves, stand still and see the salvation of the LORD, who is with you, O Judah and Jerusalem!’ Do not fear or be dismayed; tomorrow go out against them, for the LORD *is* with you.”

²¹ And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed those who should sing to the LORD, and who should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army and were saying: “Praise the LORD, for His mercy *endures* forever.”

²² Now when they began to sing and to praise, the LORD set ambushes against the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah; and they were defeated. ²³ For the people of Ammon and Moab stood up against the inhabitants of Mount Seir to utterly kill and destroy *them*. And when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Seir, they helped to destroy one another.

- The lord defeated their enemies and rewarded them with an abundance of wealth, precious jewelry and wealth
 - More than they could carry
- They experienced peace the remainder of Jehoshaphat’s reign

When we praise and worship the Lord we are refreshing the blessings of God in our lives

- We are repenting and placing value on the word of the Lord
- We are glorifying or esteeming the Lord
- The way we glorify Him is by talking about Him
- Remembering what He's said and done
- We will experience refreshing and restoration

Some of us need to return to our first love

Revelation 2:4 (NKJV)

⁴ Nevertheless I have *this* against you, that you have left your first love.

- If you have don't be condemned
- Just return to the Lord
- Say, "*Father forgive me for magnifying other things above your name.*"

We need to be in the habit of encouraging ourselves in the Lord
1 Samuel 30:6 (NKJV)

⁶ Now David was greatly distressed, for the people spoke of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and his daughters. But David strengthened himself in the LORD his God.

- The enemies of Israel have defeated them
- Burned their city and taken their families captive
- David's own family had been taken
- He could have given up, but instead he encouraged himself in the Lord

When we begin to magnify God, faith will rise up on the inside

We can choose to edify, or build ourselves up in the Lord

Romans 4:20 (NKJV)

²⁰ He (*Abraham*) did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, *giving glory to God*,

- When we give glory to God we strengthen our faith
- Magnify God – Give Him glory!
- Put worth or value on Him

Say, “*Lord you’re bigger than my financial problem, marriage issue, relationship challenge, health crisis, or job. God, you are bigger than anything!*”

Mark 9:23 (NKJV)

²³ Jesus said to him, “If you can believe, all things *are possible to him who believes.*”

Your relationship with the Lord is really the only thing that matters in your life

- For that reason, you need to place value or worth upon it
- You can live a life full of joy, healing, peace, deliverance, anointing, power – whatever you need
- You are the one who determines how full of God you are

True revival is simply you are becoming so full of God that you overflow onto someone else

When you magnify negative things in your life they become insurmountable

If Jesus could take the cross and the shame associated with it and disesteem or devalue it that you can do the same thing with whatever you face

- You can reduce anything that comes against you to nothing

Psalm 34:1 (NKJV)

¹ I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise *shall* continually *be* in my mouth.

- Most Christians know this concept but don't really believe it works
- We think, well, it works to a certain extent

You can change your world by the way you face your problems
We need only to value God and the call He has placed upon our lives more than anything else

- It's all about attitude!

We can get so consumed with our problem that we can't see anything else

- We need to keep our eyes on Jesus

Colossians 3:1 (NKJV)

3 If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.

- It's all about perspective
- The realities of heaven are greater than the trials of this world

It's always better to choose God

Hebrews 11:24–26 (NKJV)

²⁴ By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, ²⁵ choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, ²⁶ esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward.

- This was no small deal
- Moses was second in command of the world super power of his day
- History records that he conquered the Ethiopians
- He was a general who held a great position of authority
- He esteemed God's will above all the worlds wealth and power
- He determined serving God was greater than losing the throne

Hebrews 11:26 (KJV 1900)

²⁶ Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had **respect** unto the recompence of the reward.

Respect – *“to turn the eyes away from other things and fix them on some one thing”*

- Moses looked away from everything except his reward
- He turned away and became single minded toward what God had promised him
- He took delight in the things of God and esteemed them greater riches than the reproach of the world

Psalm 37:4 (NKJV)

⁴ Delight yourself also in the LORD, and He shall give you the desires of your heart.

- This doesn't mean that God will give you anything you want
- The problem with most of us is that we desire the world and get angry when we don't get it
- We need to make a choice to make God our greatest delight

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- Paul valued God and disesteemed everything else
- I'm not saying that you shouldn't value material possessions at all
- You need to value Christ above all things
- Is there something or someone in my life I couldn't live without?
 - That's a sign it's too important
 - You are glorifying it above God and making it more important?

Anyone who ever did anything in the bible glorified God

They put more value and worth on what He said and His plan for their life than anything

- They loved God more than they loved themselves