

## WOW! (re)DISCOVERING AWE

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“They devoted themselves to the apostles teaching and the shared-life, the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles.” **Acts 2:42-43**

**Awe**, *n.* a feeling of reverential respect mixed with fear or wonder.

**MAIN IDEA: When healthy awe of God is at work in us, our perspective elevates, courage swells and resiliency results.**

### 1. Awe is our reaction when GOD REVEALS something bigger than us.

*awe, wonder, amaze, astonish and marvel*

“Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!” But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.”

A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.” Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!” **John 20:24-28**

### 2. Awe is also a CULTIVATED AWARENESS of looking for and finding God in all kinds of experiences of life.

“It is the glory of God to conceal a matter; to search out a matter is the glory of kings.” **Proverbs 25:2**

“seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” **Matthew 6:33** (Luke 15:8)

“...seek and you will find... the one who seeks finds...” **Matthew 7:7-8**

“He did evil because he had not set his heart on seeking the LORD.” **2 Chronicles 12:14**

“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” **Matthew 6:21**

*When we cultivate a seek and find mindset, and look for God working—we often find him, and are filled with awe and gratitude.*

**What you find very much depends on what you are looking for.**

### 3. Awe is not something we can manufacture. We can only ASK for it.