



What do you Wonder About?

Many years ago, I had the rare opportunity to lay under the stars near the edge of a lake. I was far from home, the reach of the light pollution from the city was obscured by the giant shoulders of the mountains that surrounded the pristine mirror-like waters of the lake. The clouds from that day had been swept away by a gentle breeze leaving a blank canvas for the stars to shine. Once the sun had found its place in the depths of the great beyond, I watched as the heavens above me transformed into what no digital screen could ever produce. I laid there as still as the night around me feeling overwhelmed with an incredible sense of awe and wonder.

This moment in time is one of the many experiences that continue to shape my sense of wonder and awe in the created world around me. As a follower of Jesus, a son of the one true God who created me, it is moments just like this that I cannot help but stand in awe of the works of his hands. From the opening words of Genesis chapter one we are presented with the awe-inspiring words that narrate for us the incredible power, authority and creativity of the Lord our God as he knits together this incredible place we call home.

The creation story is the first of many wonder filled narratives in scripture that help us maintain a sense of awe about who God is. Throughout the pages of scripture, we are guided along a journey in life and faith that continually reveals to us the many characteristics of God who loves and cares for us. As much as God's creation (the world around us) can lead us to be in awe in wonder there are many other ways we can experience the wonder of God in our lives.

Think about life itself, each of us is a unique creation of God, fearfully and wonderfully made. The words "fearfully" and "wonderfully" convey this incredible sense of awe and wonder for the complexity and beauty of the human body. This recognition should fill us with wonder and gratitude for every heartbeat, for every breath that is given to us to live out his plan for our lives.

Wonder can be described as an emotion; it is a powerful response to something bigger than you and me. In the context of our faith stories, it is an awe-filled recognition of God's work in the world around us, in our lives and in our relationship with Him and others. Think about the wonders of the cross, the wonders of the resurrection and the wonders of the message and promise of the Gospel.

The Bible as a whole is an inspirational source of wonder. The scriptures reveal God's character to us, His promises to us, and His plan for salvation. They are a living testament to God's interaction with humanity throughout history. Hebrews 4:12 reminds us that, "the word of God is alive and active" in other words, it is awe inspiring and draws us into a sense of wonder. As we study the Bible, we uncover layers of meaning and wisdom that continually fill us with awe and wonder. The narratives, poetry, prophecies, and teachings all point us to the wonder of God's love to us.

What do you wonder about? What fills your mind with awe and wonder when you interact with scripture? Our God is an awesome God, the God of Wonders. It is my prayer that you have experienced the wonders of his love for you through knowing Jesus as your Lord and Saviour.