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The Glory in You

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INTRODUCTION

Picture a GLORIOUS sunrise. Take a minute to picture it in your mind in detail.

What do you see in your mind? What are some ways you can describe it?

Now picture a huge, GLORIOUS wedding cake. Once you have a vivid mental picture, tell us about what you see.

What does it mean for something to be GLORIOUS?

DIGGING DEEPER

Read Luke 2:8-15. This is a very familiar passage about Jesus' birth. Often with familiar Bible passages we have a tendency to skim over them or check out when we read or listen to them. This time, pay special attention to anything you read about "angels" and "glory" in the story.

1. Luke 2:9 says, "An angel of the Lord appeared to them (*the shepherds*) and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified." What do you think the glory of the Lord was like in this verse?

2. Why were the shepherds terrified?

3. Describe what you think the "great company of the heavenly hosts" (vs. 13) might have looked like.

4. Verse 13 says the angels left them and had "gone into heaven." It's an image as if a corner was lifted, and we were given a small peek into what heaven is like. Read Revelation 7:11-12. Describe angels in heaven.

Now read 2 Corinthians 3:9-18. This passage is a bit more challenging to understand. We'll dig into what it means. For now, focus on what it says about glory, and your overall understanding of the text.

1. To understand this passage, first read Exodus 34:29-35. What does this passage describe?

2. What comparison does verse 15 make to the veil of Moses?

3. Here's what's especially exciting about this section of Scripture. Verse 18 tells us that we who are Christians all reflect the Lord's glory, just like Moses did. If Moses reflected the Lord's glory by being in His presence, how can we reflect the Lord's glory?

4. Re-read verse 18. We are being transformed with ever-increasing glory. Now think back to what you read and discussed about glory in Luke 2. We know that God does not change. The Lord's glory that shone on Christmas is the same glory that is in you! That's so amazing! What might that look like in your everyday life?
