

“Help. Thanks. Wow. Amen”. Sermon Notes  
Week 3 – Wow  
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“Wow” means we are not dulled by wonder. “Wow” means we are shocked and surprised and startled and have no choice but to be fully present in the moment.

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An addiction to distraction is the end of amazement and the death of “wow”.

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Multitasking divides your attention which leads to numbness makes “wow” unattainable.

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The purple tulip bursting from the barren ground. The child seeing the Ocean for the first time. The moons and the planets and the stars painting the black sky. The earth and universe are full of wows.

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But ask the animals, and they will teach you, or the birds in the sky, and they will tell you; or speak to the earth, and it will teach you, or let the fish in the sea inform you. Which of all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this?  
-Job 12:7-9

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Humanity is God’s favorite part of creation and we are created in God’s image. At our worst, humanity is responsible for many awful moments. At our best, humanity is responsible for many awe-full moments.

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The men had been seated before him in the order of their ages, from the firstborn to the youngest; and they looked at each other in astonishment. When portions were served to them from Joseph’s table, Benjamin’s portion was five times as much as anyone else’s. So they feasted and drank freely with him. -Genesis 43:33-34

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“Wow” happens most and best when we become aware of God’s presence.

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Then King Nebuchadnezzar leaped to his feet in amazement and asked his advisers, “Weren’t there three men that we tied up and threw into the fire?”

They replied, “Certainly, Your Majesty.”

He said, “Look! I see four men walking around in the fire, unbound and unharmed, and the fourth looks like a son of the gods.” -Daniel 3:24-25

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Early in the morning, as Jesus was on his way back to the city, he was hungry. Seeing a fig tree by the road, he went up to it but found nothing on it except leaves. Then he said to it, “May you never bear fruit again!” Immediately the tree withered.

When the disciples saw this, they were amazed. “How did the fig tree wither so quickly?” they asked. -Matthew 21:18-20

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When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching. -Matthew 7:28

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Things like the forgiveness of sin, healing of a broken heart, hope in life’s darkest moments, peace during anxious times, and the resurrection of the dead—they are life’s greatest “wow” moments.