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Elementary

Reflecting Glory

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2 Corinthians 3:18

Key Idea

God's glory is revealed to me through Jesus, and I can have a relationship with Him.

Workout: God's Reflecting His Glory: 2 Corinthians 3:9

Please share a time when something turned out even better than you expected. Maybe a vacation you imagined was so much better than you thought. Or maybe winning the championship seemed great in your head, but it was so much better once you achieved it.

Throughout the Bible, God's glory just keeps getting better and better. As we read Scripture, we learn more about who God is and all He has done for us. It is hard to imagine that something as perfect as God's goodness could get better, but as you will see, it does!

In the New Testament, God presents His glory through His Son, Jesus. Through all Jesus provides for us, we are able to see God's glory as clearly as looking in a mirror.

Have you ever stood in front of a mirror for a long time? As you do, you notice things on your own face you did not know were there. When we choose to look at God, we begin to learn things about Him we never knew were there. This is how we start to reflect God's glory, by studying Him like we study ourselves in a mirror, and soon we will start to reflect Him in the world over ourselves.

Warm Up Copy Cat

Please play a game of charades. Think about how easy it is to copy a friend behavior or thoughts.

In life, our goal is to become more like Christ, to the point when we look in a mirror, we are reflecting the glory of God.

Cool Down

As a way to remember how to reflect God's glory

- Make a list of what you are good at.
- How can use use this talent to reflect God's glory?
- If you are using the talent for your glory, what should you change to make it for God's glory?

Reflecting His Freedom

If you have ever been to a wedding, you may have seen the bride with a veil covering her face. The groom lifts the veil to see her face. In 2 Corinthians 3:18, Paul tells us we have the freedom to come to God without a veil and look at His glory. We do not have to hide or cover our faces; God wants us to know Him and see Him. Why? So we can reflect His glory to the people around us. God wants us to learn who He is so we can tell others about Him. The desire is for us to study God and become a reflection of what we see in Him.

Reflecting His Image

Veils are not just used at weddings; sometimes they are used to hide features people are ashamed of. When Paul tells us we can come before God without a veil over our face, it means God gives us the freedom to come to Him with all our flaws, and He can make us new through His image reflecting in us.

We all have flaws; even in our sport, there are skills we are not good at. Even good athletes use their flaws as a way to improve. When we come to God with our flaws and seek to reflect His glory in our lives, slowly those flaws, through the goodness of God, can start to be the things that reflect God's glory to the world.

If you have ever received a "most improved" award, you know flaws can be overcome and can ultimately showcase your improvements. If we remove our veil and trust God with our mess, He can use our flaws to bring glory to Him!

Connect

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Wrap Up

- What are some of the good things about God that make Him worthy to be glorified?
- Is there anything you feel ashamed to show God? Something you want to hide from Him?
- What is something you see about God that you want to share?



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- Sin separates you
- Jesus rescues you
- Will you trust in Jesus?