

GRIPPED BY THE GREATNESS OF GOD

Introduction:

- Today we come to the end of our 8-week study *Gripped By the Greatness of God*. So can I reiterate what it means to be “gripped” by God’s greatness?

To be “Gripped By the Greatness of God” means:

To have a clear and unmistakable _____ of Who God is that results in a heightened _____ toward His nature and character; and so captures my heart that I _____ in greater conformity to His image and obedience to His Word.

- There are many time periods in our life where God seems to grip us in a powerful way such as through suffering, victory or surprise. But that is not where we can live the Christian life in the long run.
- So the \$64,000 question is, “How can I stay gripped by the greatness of God?”

To Stay Gripped By the Greatness of God...

I must continually and consistently _____ myself to His Revelation.

The 3 Essential Venues of Exposure to Divine Revelation:

1. Daily, _____
2. Weekly _____
Acts 2:46b; Philemon v.2

3. Weekly _____

Acts 2:46a; Hebrews 10:25

To Stay Gripped By the Greatness of God...

I must have a heightened Reverence for God. This is called _____.

The 2 Definitions of Fear:

- 1.
- 2.

When God shows us a fraction of His glory, our response is fear – a humble, holy reverence for Him. It’s like the veil drops from my eyes, and I gasp at how great, and how close, and how real He is.

James MacDonald, **Gripped By the Greatness of God**, p. 178

To Stay Gripped By the Greatness of God...

I must Respond to Him by _____ my life to His Word.

God doesn’t grip us with His greatness so we can merely know more about him and reverence Him more. He grips us so we will actually do something different with and in our lives.

*This is the one I esteem: he who is humble and contrite in spirit, and **trembles at My word.*** (emphasis added) Isaiah 66:2b

Conclusion:

Check all that apply:

- I’m still a little confused on what it means to be gripped by the greatness of God.
- I’ve never been gripped by the greatness of God.
- I want to get gripped by the greatness of God.
- I want to stay gripped by the greatness of God.
- I’m going to stay gripped by the greatness of God.