

The Glory  
of God's Light

*Lift up the **light** of your face upon us, O LORD!*

*Psalm 4.6*

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Exodus 33.18

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“Please show me your glory.”

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# Audacious?

(depends)

1. positive: showing a willingness to take surprisingly bold risks...
2. negative: showing an impudent lack of respect...

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Should we not also pray  
that God would show us  
His glory?

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Let's be willing to take  
a surprisingly bold risk!

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What is the  
glory of God?

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OT Glory: *Hebrew*: “kabod”

This word means “weighty” or “to be heavy”

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# NT Glory: *Greek*: “doxa”

This word has a wide range of meanings in the NT, corresponding closely to splendor, brilliance - from the base meaning of the awesome light that radiates from God's presence and is associated with his acts of power; honor, praise, speaking of words of excellence and assigning highest status to God.

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God's glory in  
Scripture...

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1. It's why we were made.

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# Isaiah 43.7

everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made.

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2. Something that will  
change us...

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Exodus 34.29-30

When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him.

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3. Something illuminating...

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# Revelation 21.22-23

And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb.

And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb.



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4. Something that offers  
freedom...

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# Romans 8.21

that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

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5. Something  
transformational...

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# 2 Corinthians 3.18

And we all, with unveiled face,  
beholding the glory of the Lord, are being  
transformed into the same image from  
one degree of glory to another.

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6. Something we have a  
small hint of in creation...

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Isaiah 40.6-8

A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?"

All flesh is grass,  
and all its beauty is like the flower of the field.

The grass withers, the flower fades  
when the breath of the LORD blows on it;  
surely the people are grass.

The grass withers, the flower fades,  
but the word of our God will stand forever.

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1 Peter 1.23-25

Since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; for

“All flesh is like grass  
and all its glory like the flower of grass.

The grass withers, and the flower falls,  
but the word of the Lord remains forever.”



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The **glory** of grass is  
a flower.



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The **glory** of nature is...  
a waterfall.



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The **glory** of the sky is...  
a sunset.



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The **glory** of sound is...  
beautiful music



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The **glory** of clothing is...  
a wedding gown.



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The **glory** of teaching is...  
inspiration.



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We are always teaching  
others about God...

*Is He glorious or not?*

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flower

music

waterfall

wedding dress

sunset

inspiration



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Glory in creation is a  
*special* and *beautiful*  
aspect of the whole

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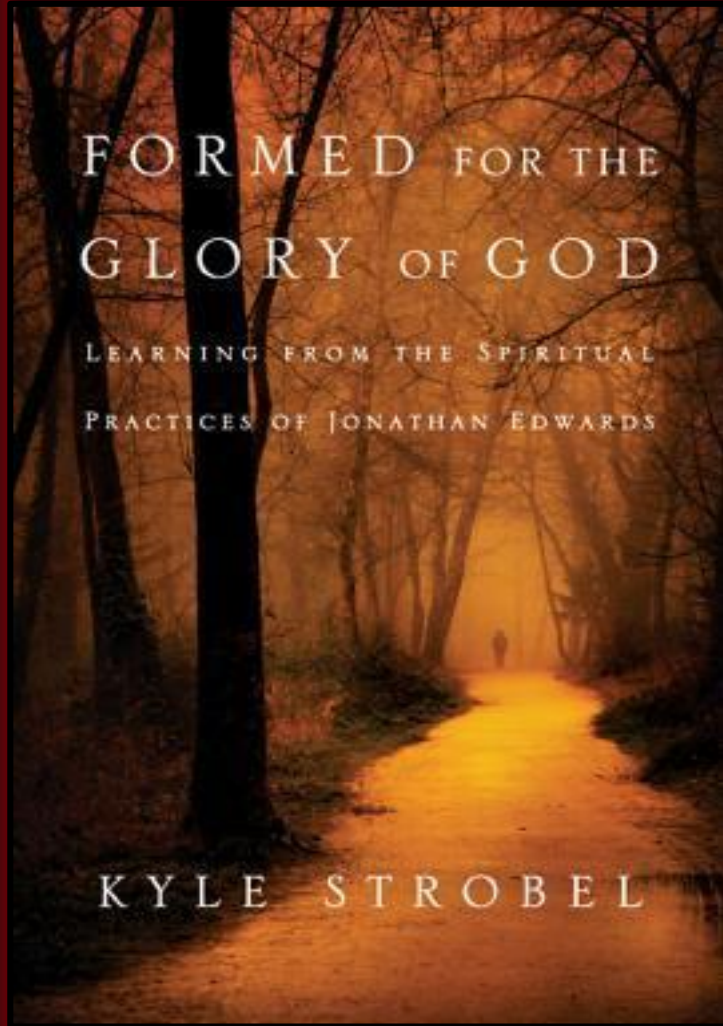
Beauty that is  
especially beautiful

(that is meant to be appreciated and delighted in  
and enjoyed and worthy of praise)

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Time to ride the  
sunbeam...

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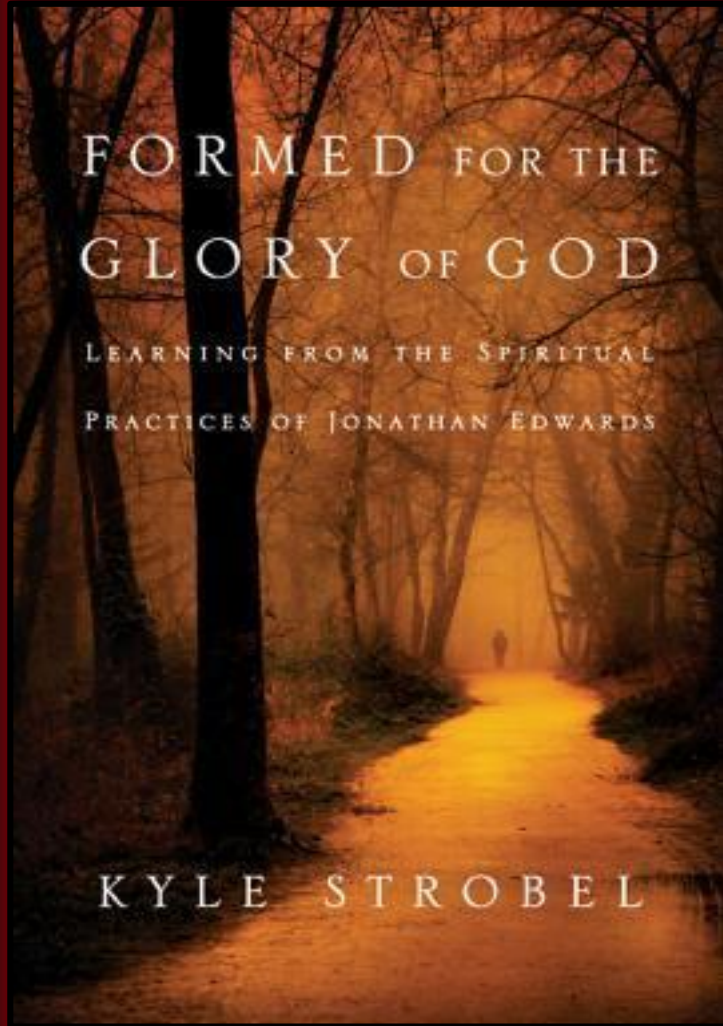


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Jonathan Edwards understood glory as a threefold movement.

First, as its source, glory is God's inner life of love.

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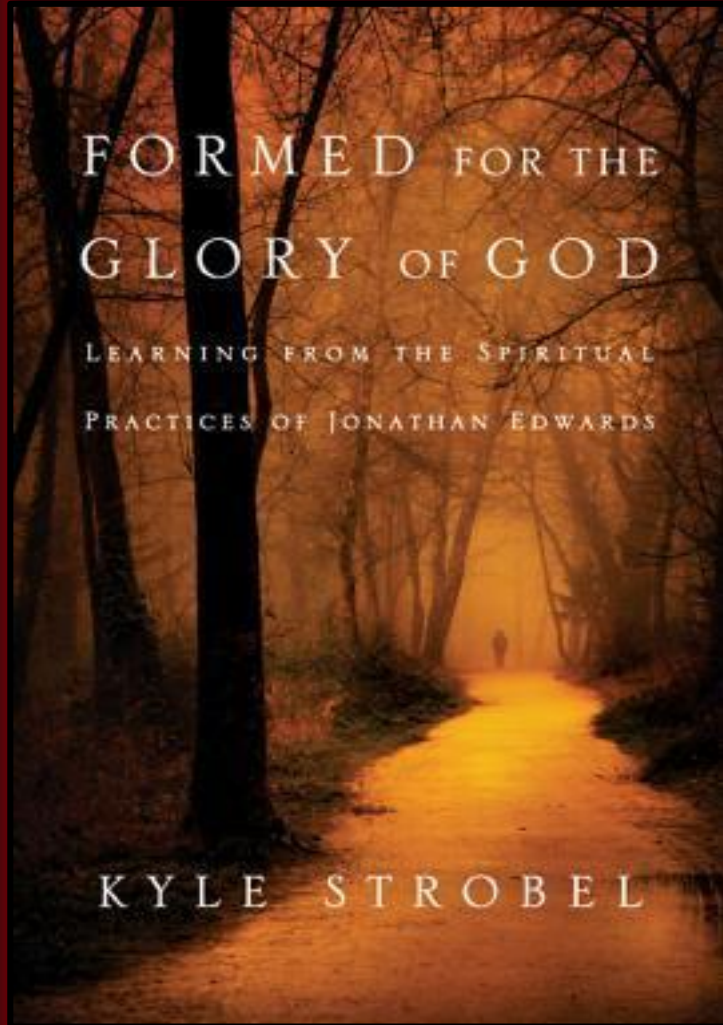


As the Father and Son love and delight in one another in the Spirit, the life they know among themselves is the life of glory.

This is God's fullness.

God's life is infinitely dynamic - three persons partaking in one another and loving each other infinitely.

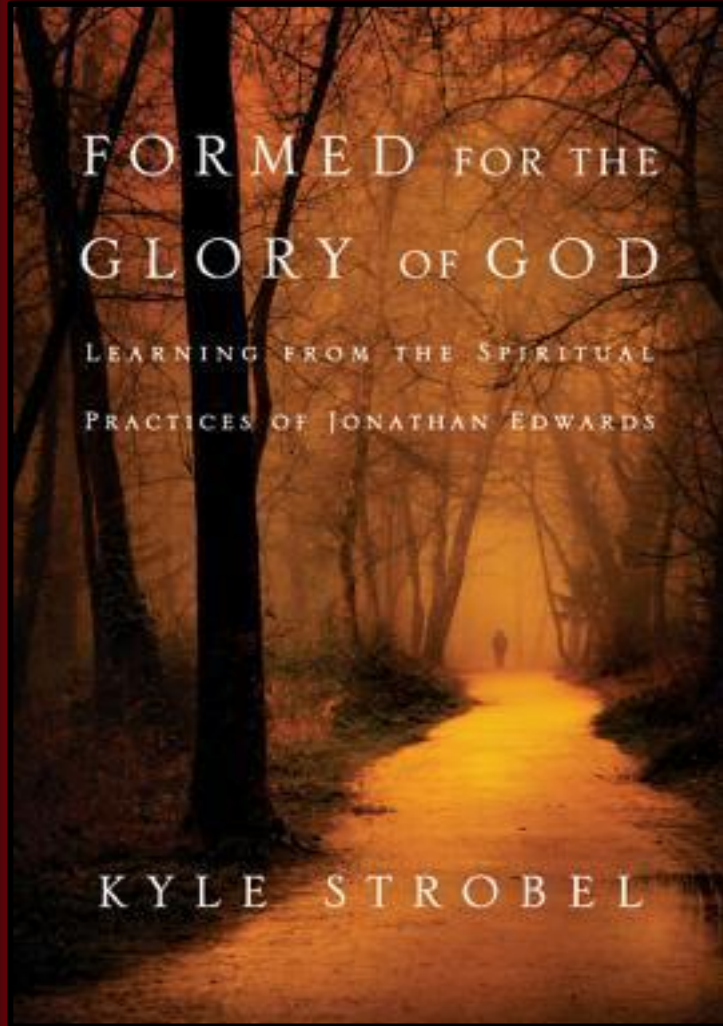
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Second, when God decides to create and relate to his creation, he does so by pouring forth his glory.

God is the infinite spring who pours himself forth in streams of glory.

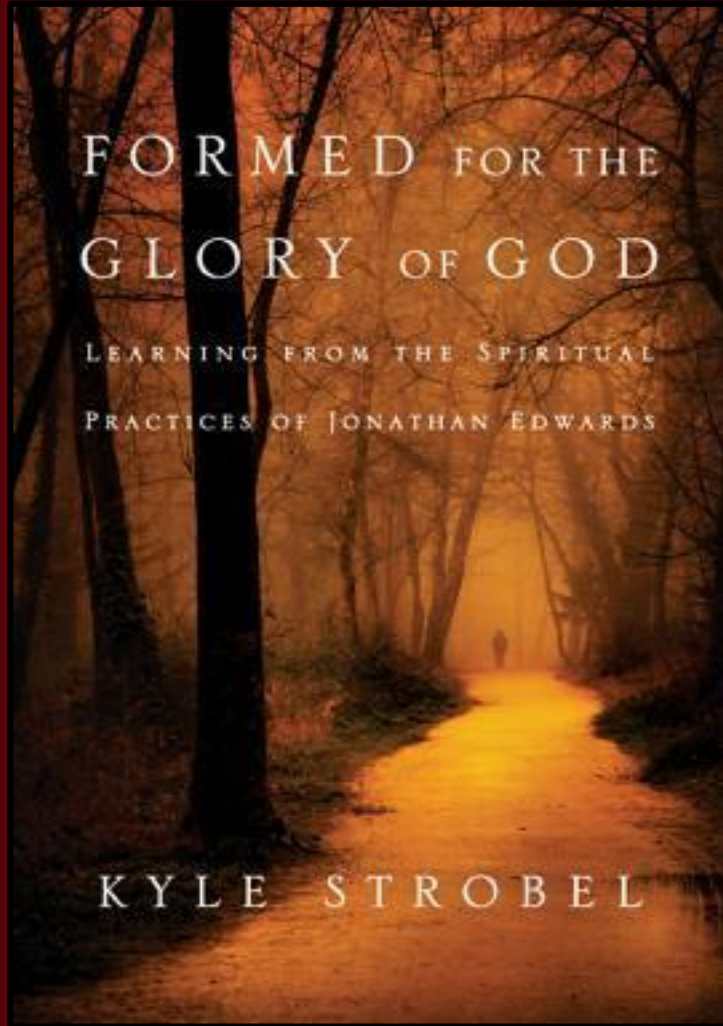
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God communicates a true knowledge and sight of himself in his Son that causes people to know and love him in return.

He also gives his Spirit, his own love, that we would love him in return.

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The third tier of glory, therefore, entails God's people participating in his glorification

– knowing God and pouring forth love to him in return.

God's glory pulls us into a relationship of love with God.



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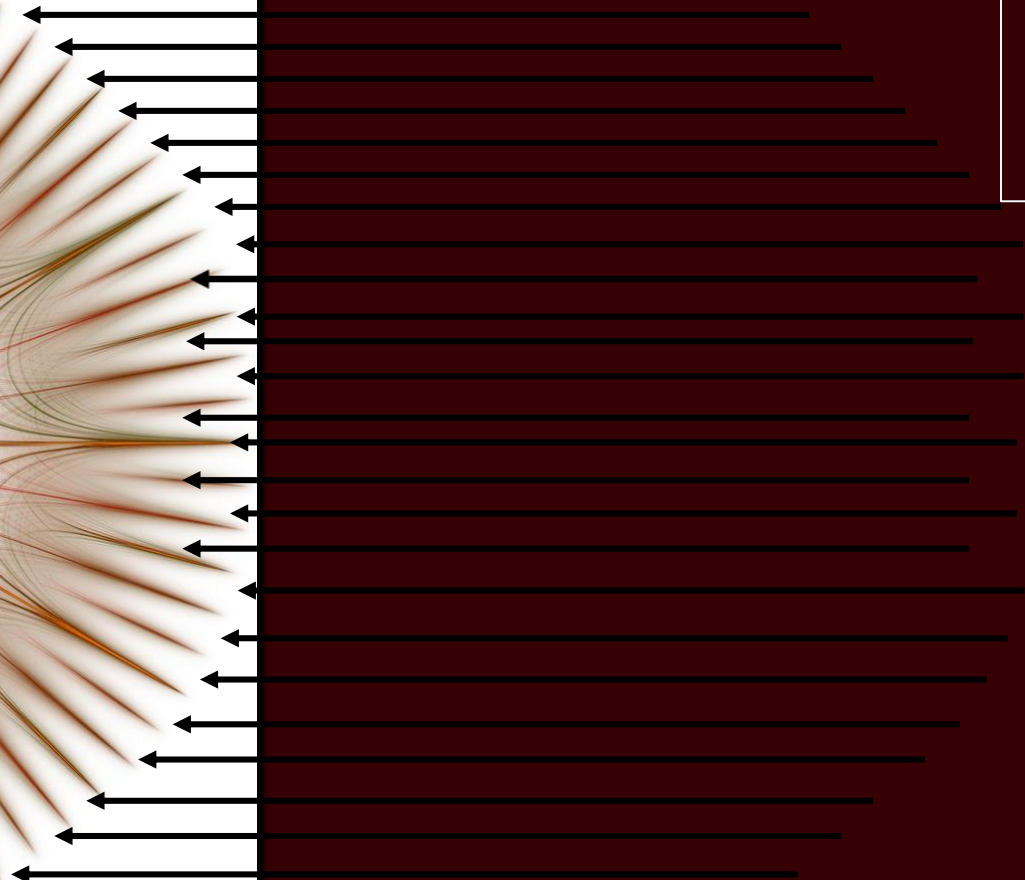
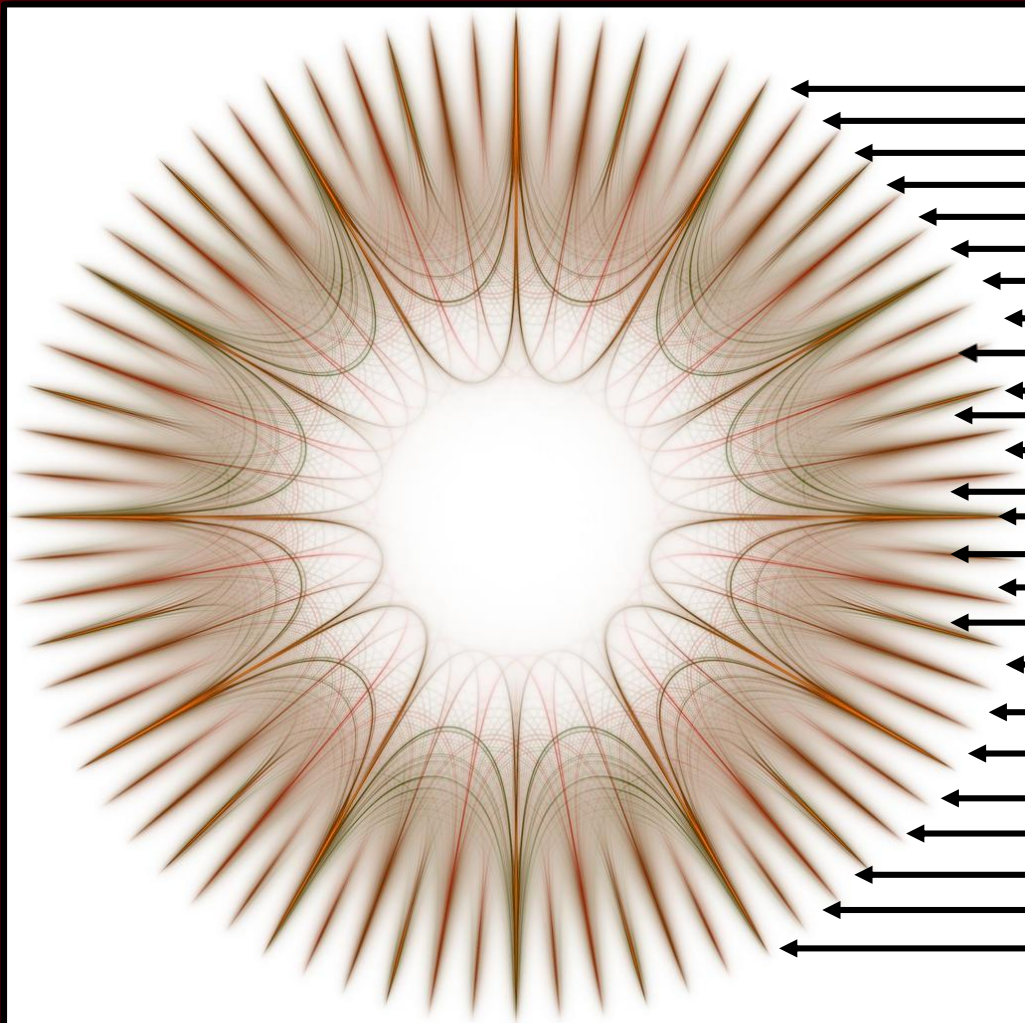
So, what is  
especially beautiful  
about God?

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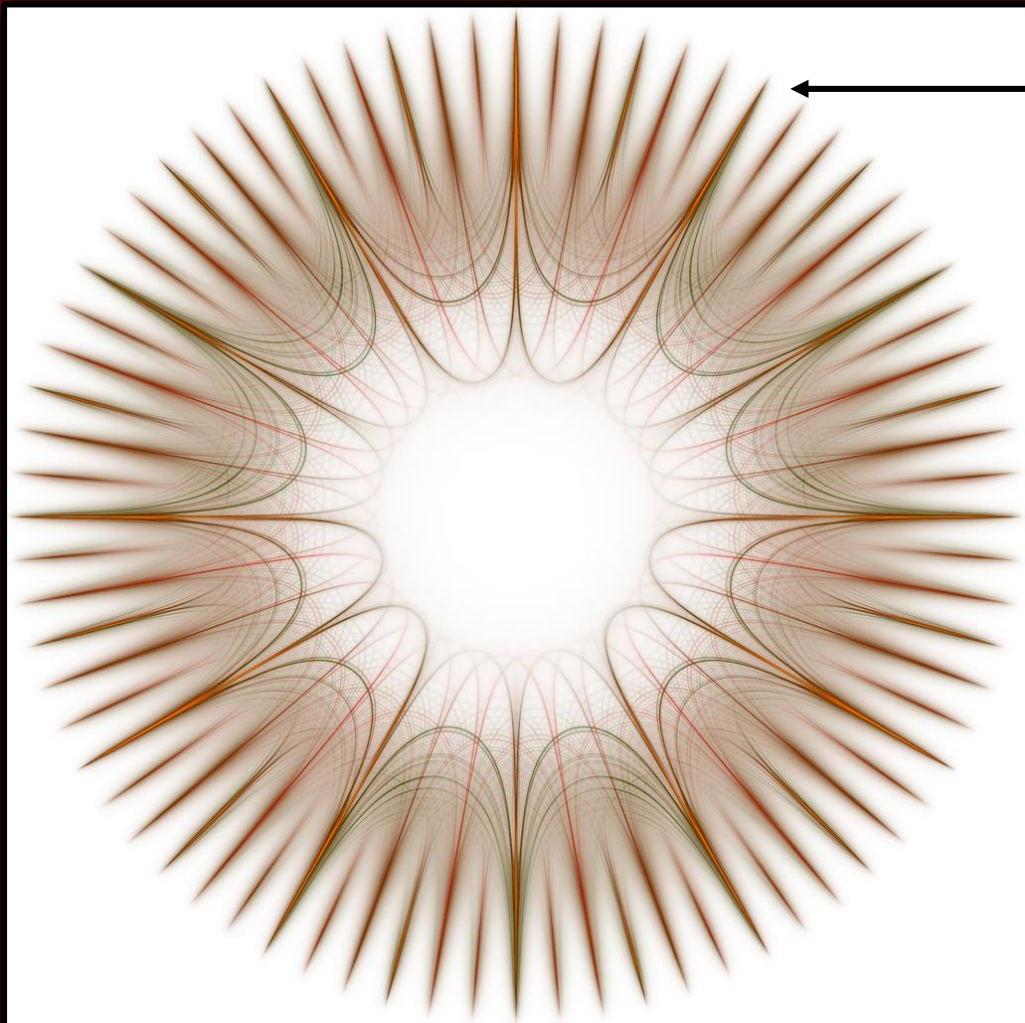
What isn't?

this can be so overwhelming, we may  
want to give up before we even start

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Grace

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# Ephesians 1.6

to the praise of his  
glorious grace,  
with which he has blessed us  
in the Beloved.

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Is grace especially beautiful  
to you?

...or has it become an expected,  
cold, intellectual fact that no  
longer warms the heart?

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# Psalm 29.2

Ascribe to the LORD the glory  
due his name;  
worship the LORD in the splendor  
of holiness

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His grace is glorious  
whether we ascribe glory or not  
but when we do...



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Psalm 30.2-3

O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,  
and you have healed me.

O LORD, you have brought up my soul  
from Sheol;  
you restored me to life from among those  
who go down to the pit.

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Psalm 30.11-12

You have turned for me  
my **mourning into dancing**;  
you have loosed my sackcloth  
and **clothed me with gladness**,  
that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent.  
O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

Absorb and Reflect

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Grace not only defines the  
**glory** of God (*noun*) -  
but when we remember and  
rehearse these beautiful truths,  
we **glorify** God (*verb*).

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The turning of a fact

*(God is glorious)*

into an action...

*(I can't help but glorify Him in all I do!)*

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1 Corinthians 10.31

So, whether you eat or drink,  
or whatever you do,  
do all to the glory of God.

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That is  
Grace

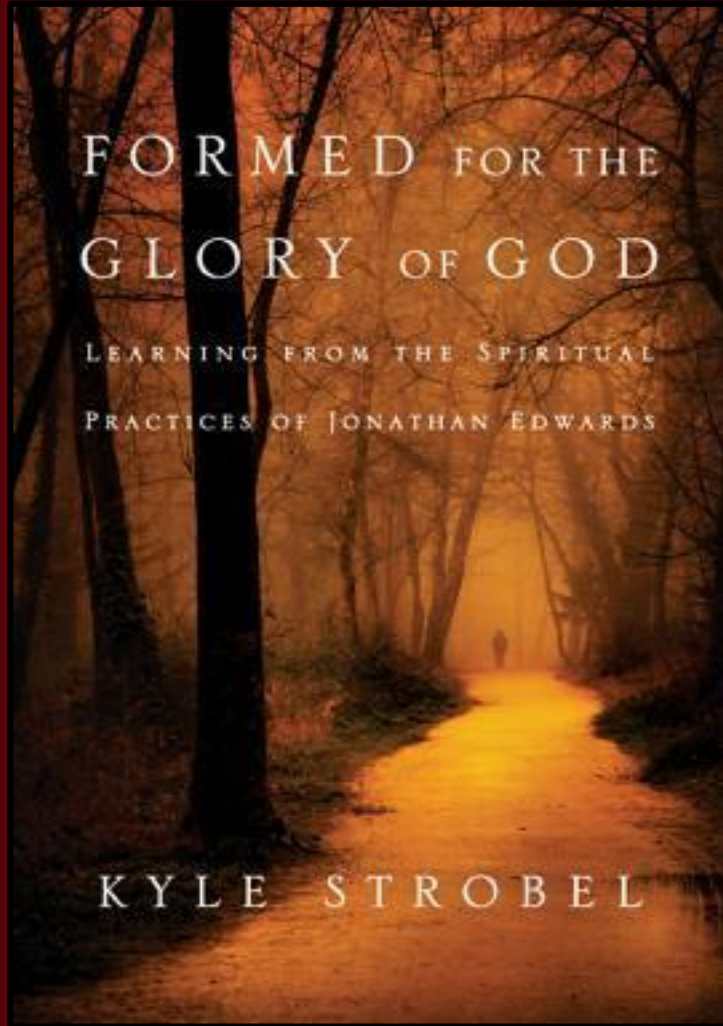
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Means of Grace

vs.

Spiritual Disciplines

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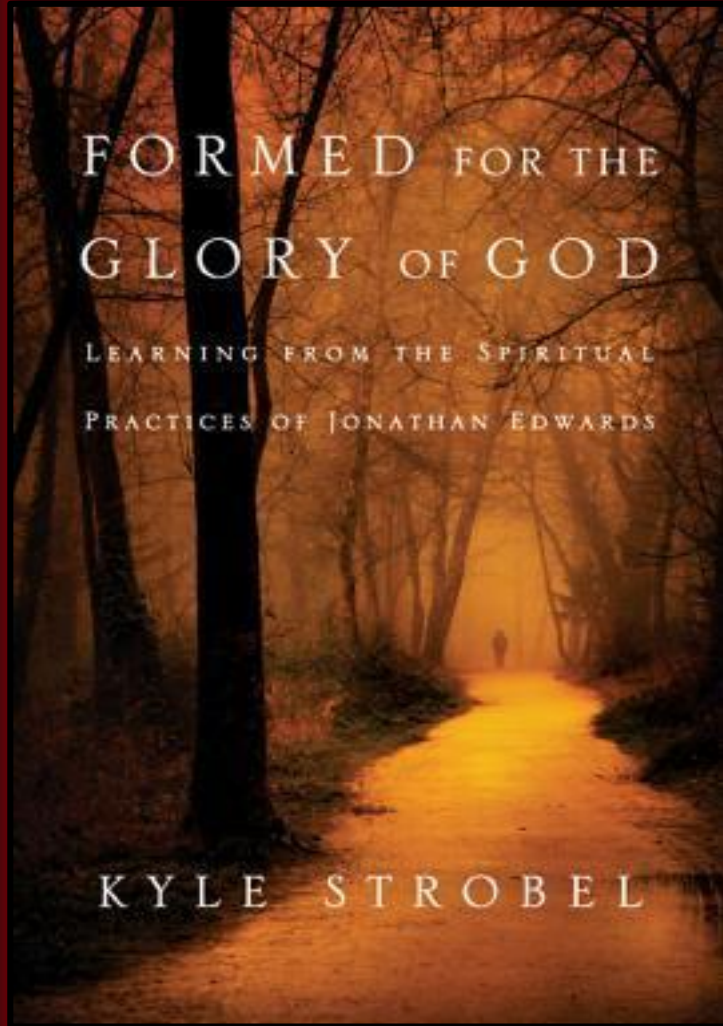


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...the term *discipline*  
makes people think  
they have the power to  
form their spiritual life.

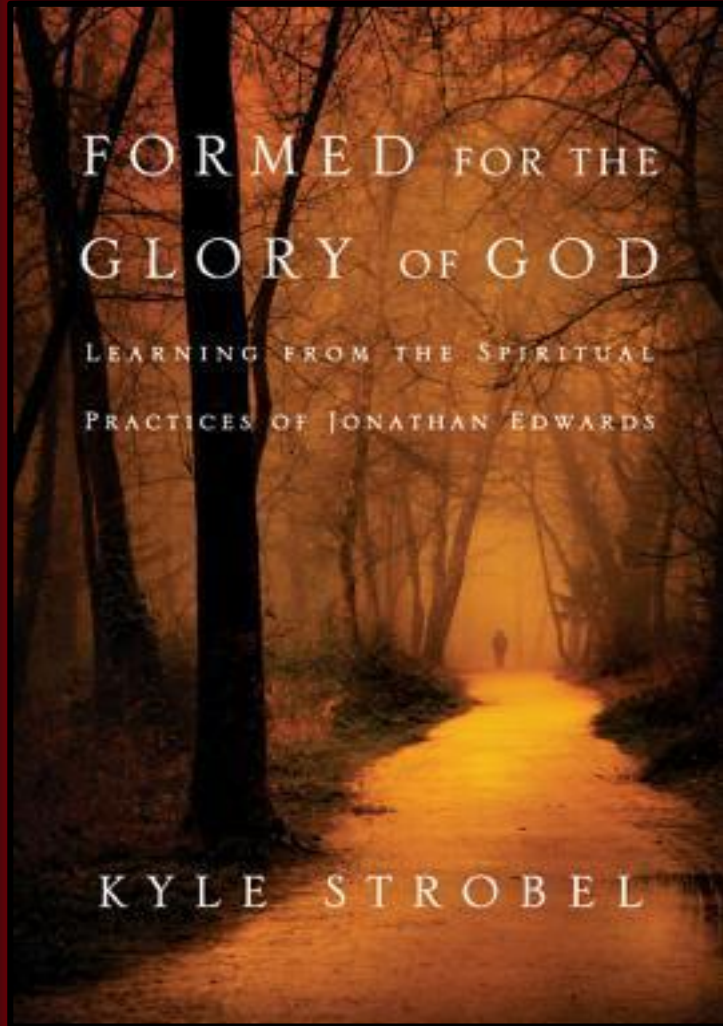


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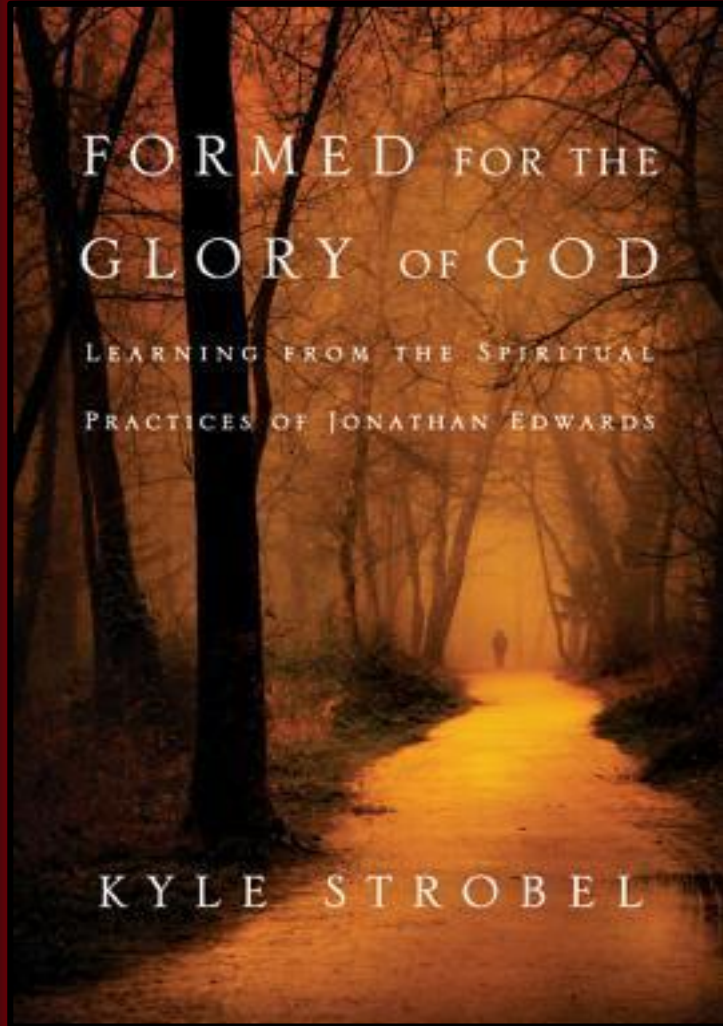
Rather than being an extension of salvation, we end up with an advanced form of self-help.

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The goal of spiritual disciplines is often explained as a transformation of character.

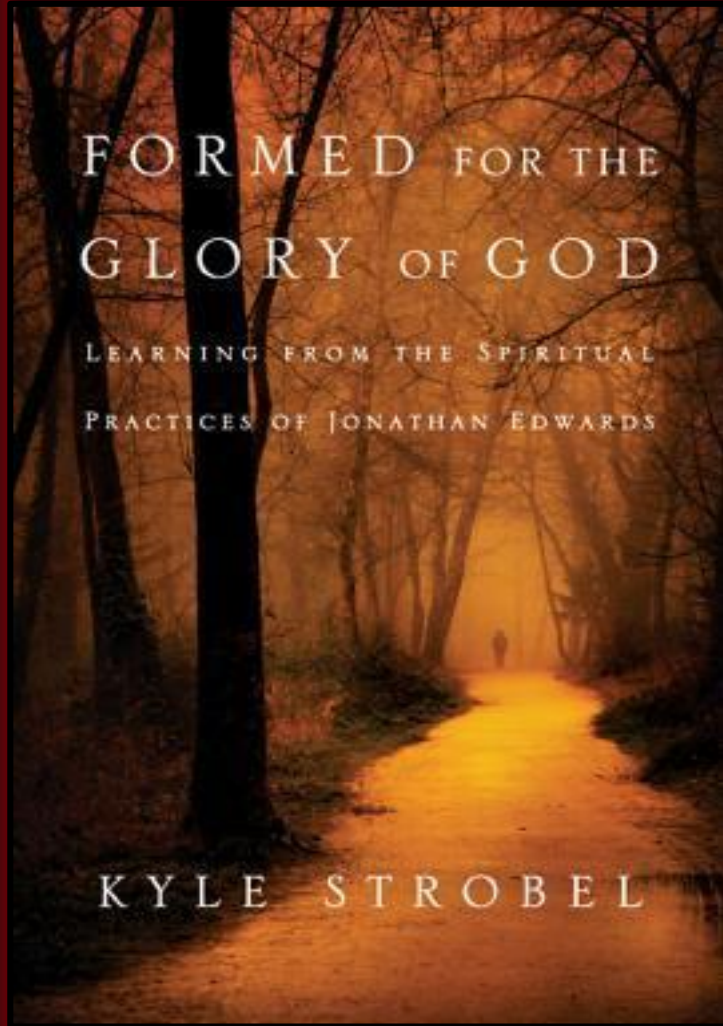
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...the focus of the  
Christian life is not about  
character but about  
holiness...

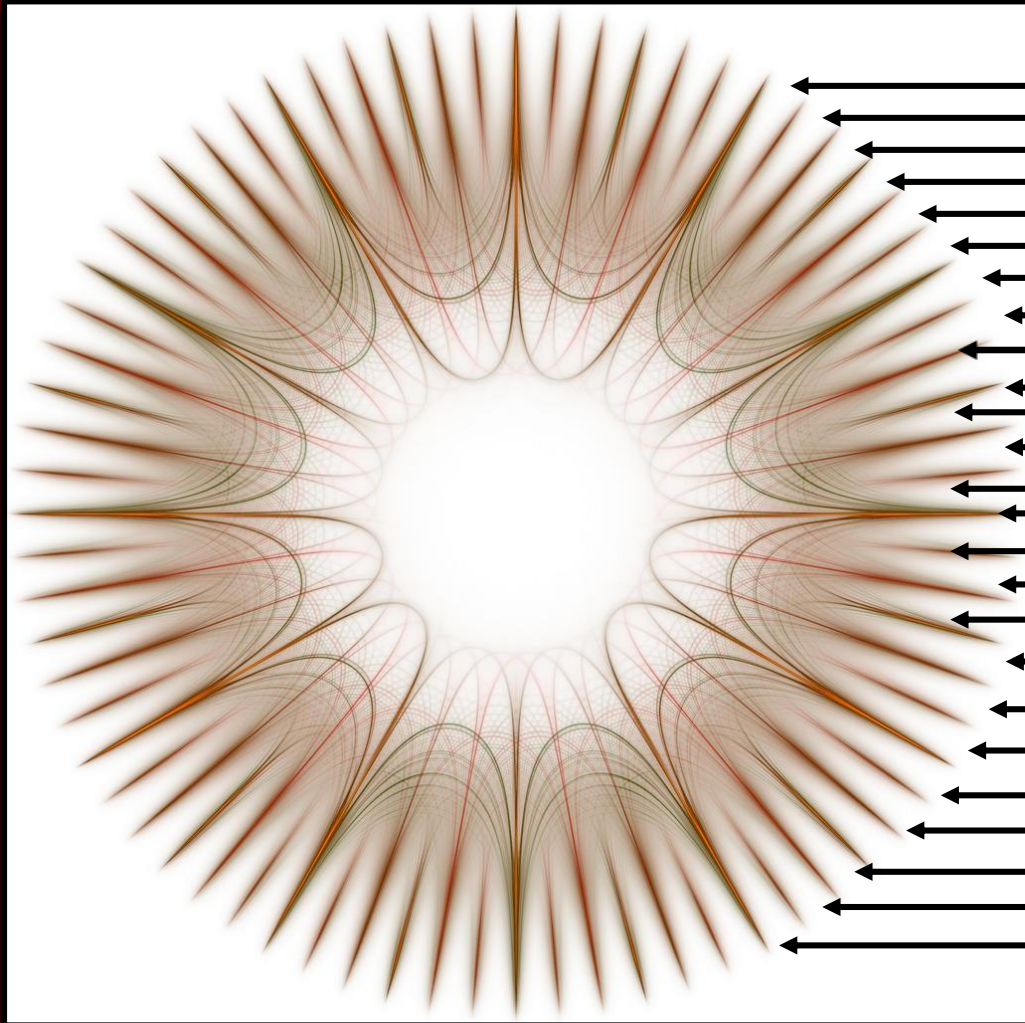
Holiness is not in your  
power.

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The means of grace are actions that help us focus more fully on God, recognizing that God is the fountain from which all grace flows.

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Grace  
Might



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# Colossians 1.11

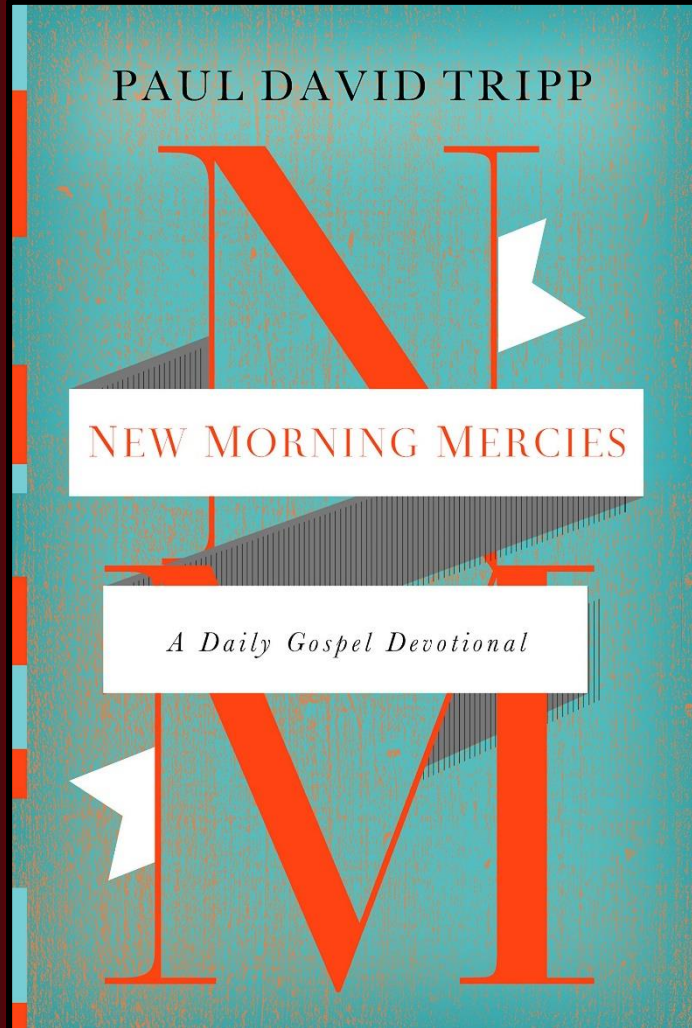
being strengthened with all power,  
according to his glorious might,  
for all endurance and patience  
with joy

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When do you feel  
especially worn out?

When do you need to  
experience God's  
endurance and patience?

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New Morning  
Mercies...

*Paul David Tripp*

May 31<sup>st</sup>



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Life really is all about what glory attracts your eyes and captures your heart.

This is true because, as human beings, we're all **glory junkies**.

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All of the glories of the of the  
physical created world serve this  
one purpose –  
to remind us of and point us to  
the glory of God.

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We were never meant to live for  
earthbound glory.

We were never meant to  
seek peace and satisfaction  
of heart here.

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The physical world *is*  
wonderfully glorious,  
but it was never meant to be our  
stopping point any more than the  
sign that points to something is  
meant to be the end of the journey.

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The sign is not the thing;  
the sign points you to the thing.

The same can be said of the  
physical creation. It is not the  
thing you were made to live for.

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How sad it is when a person looks  
for what cannot be found in  
something that cannot deliver!

But many people do this  
every day.

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Yes, God has filled your life with  
glories of many kinds.

But it's vital to remember that you  
were created to live for a greater,  
more glorious glory -

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The glory of God!



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Thankfully, we have corporate  
worship, to remind us of this  
truth.

Worship helps us see once more  
that...

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it is only when you live for God  
that your heart finds the peace,  
satisfaction, and security that it  
seeks.

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And it is only God's glory that has  
the power [*might*] to rescue us  
from all the earthbound glories  
that so easily capture  
our hearts.

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Mountains...



The Glory  
of God's Light

*Lift up the **light** of your face upon us, O LORD!*

*Psalm 4.6*