



## **WOW: Word Of the Week**

### **Your Glory-Search**

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Crossway recently shared an online article titled “Glory Wars,” adapted from Paul David Tripp’s *Do You Believe?: 12 Historic Doctrines to Change Your Everyday Life*. Today I pursue the same theme as I share my reflections.

One way to summarize life is as a glory-search. Where is glory? How can I get in on it? What will bring me glory? We seek glory and glorious things – experiences, meals, vistas, travel. Reputation, success, visibility, accolades, honors, awards, prizes. We love glorious things – bigger houses, better cars, more things. Be honest. What drives you? What are your goals? What captures the majority of your time and attention? What do you value? What do you spend your (God’s) money on? Our attraction to glory is God-given—because when we finally grasp genuine glory, we bow before God because there is no one and nothing more glorious.

Our desire for glory shapes our lives. We are driven to pursue glory. Our understanding of glory establishes our values and explains where we find meaning, what we pursue. Ultimately, we worship that which we find most glorious. Sin distracts us from God’s great glory and grandeur. Other things easily take the place of God. We live for self-glory. We want others to notice us. We take the credit (and the glory) away from God.

One goal of life is to understand that God’s glory fulfills our hunger for glory. This life is nothing in comparison to the glory that is to be revealed in us. Nothing in this created world can compare to God’s glory. Why do we so easily revert to self-glory? Self-pity? Self-advancement? How do we come to think that experiences, achievements, and possessions can satisfy?

No story speaks more clearly to our glory wars than the Jesus story. Jesus died an inglorious death to show us what true glory looks like. In his self-giving sacrifice, he demonstrates that self-glory is a dead-end street and that genuine glory is possible in a resurrected, transformed, forever-changed life lived in the light of the glory of God. God’s grace is our God-connection to God’s glory.

Ultimate glory! God. Greatness, splendor, majesty, grandeur, beauty, completeness, perfection. Every kind of temporal glory pales in contrast to God’s glory. Nothing can compare or compete with God. May God’s glory descend to dwell in your earthly tabernacle this day, this week. May your every thought and goal be captured by the sheer awe of contemplating God with a heart of wonder and worship. WOW!