

## The Glory Issue

*Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.*

~ Ephesians 3:20-21

### Discover the Context Ephesians 3:8-21



Share some testimonies of how God has done amazingly more than you ever thought possible.



The context of today's verses is very impressive. Summarize the two requests that Paul is praying for in Ephesians 3.

① Verses 16-17 –

② Verses 18-19 –



Are you struggling with difficult needs right now? How can you trust God for this issue? How can you glorify God through this struggle?

“Would somebody please notice me?” Ever feel that way? Have you felt unnoticed, unappreciated, or ignored at all this summer?

Assistants in sports, music, and business hope that their success will be noted and lead to a promotion. At camp both frontline and backline staff can be tempted with the same thoughts. This idea begs the question, “Why do you do what you do?” In practical language, “Why are you serving at this time?”

Paul reminds us that the reason for serving is because God is amazingly powerful and worthy. It's the glory issue. Our labors are not to bring glory to ourselves, but to Him, the Creator of heaven and earth, the one who sustains us, the almighty God, our Savior, Redeemer, and Father.

To watch a group of people come together for one purpose, to bring honor and glory to God, is an uplifting privilege. No one can do it alone. But it is done for the glory of only one—almighty God. It is only then that the results become far above anything you could imagine. It is Him at work in you. You are being used by one who could make the rocks cry out (Luke 19:40). Wouldn't that be impressive? Maybe. But it is more impressive that He calls you to live and serve for His glory. This can be done only when His power is at work in you.

It is not about you or your list of accomplishments. It is not about recognition or accolades. Settle the glory issue today. God desires to accomplish far more than you can dream or imagine through you. But He desires to do it for His glory, not yours. Want more to be accomplished? Give Him the glory. Want more power to flow? Give Him the glory.

Talk about the glory with each other. Ask yourself about the glory issue from time to time. Why am I doing this? What do I want other people to remember? Who am I seeking to glorify? [RPT]