



# AWESTRUCK

*When the crowd saw this, they were filled with awe; and they praised God, who had given such authority to man. - Matthew 9:8*

It seems that less and less things fill us with awe. I'm serious. When was the last time you were stopped speechless at discovering something? The vastness of the night sky? The miracle of a newborn baby? The beauty of a sunset? The magnificence of the storm clouds? When was the last time something completely overwhelmed you and the only thing you could say was, "Awe!"

The same is true about God. When was the last time you were "awestruck" about God? Realized (as much as possible) the vastness of Him? The power and wisdom? It seems life has become so accelerated and "loud" that we don't stop to truly recognize the awesomeness of our Heavenly Father.

And sometimes I as a minister speak and teach things that are counter-productive to this. In my sermons, lessons and devotionals, I have tried to make God understandable. I've tried to make Him to be identifiable to us by making Him as much like us as possible. Or I have spoke to people so that they can see God's will for their lives by making God like them.

If I am honest and transparent with you, even in my personal time with God, I haven't been in awe of Him. I even try to make him as much of an "average Joe" so as to think of Him as one of my pals. You know, to hang out with at the restaurant. It seems that I've tried to make Him look more like me than me like Him.

But to put God in such a small box, so to speak, lessens the fact that the entire universe fits in His hands. It makes it appear that He isn't infinite but finite like us. When the truth is, He sees the beginning and the end all at the same time. And He even has the power to walk into any portion of time He wishes. HE IS A BIG GOD!

But He created us in His image so that He, in all His size and wonder, can have a relationship with us. Little us. A blip on one of the trillion planets spinning around one of the trillion stars in one of the trillion galaxies. As David says, "We are fearfully and wonderfully made." (Psalm 139).

He still desires us. Longs for us. Knows us (even our hairs or lack thereof). So when you see a magnificent Oklahoma sunset, remember how big our God is. And then find comfort in the fact He knows you completely.

And be AWESTRUCK!!

From My Heart,

*Billy*