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That's Awesome

For many of us born in the 1980s, the first time we heard the word “awesome” was from the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. But it wasn’t just cartoons using the word, it was all over popular media, usually being the choice word of characters falling under the surfer guy stereotype.

By the time I was in middle school, “awesome” had become a replacement for the word “cool.” It basically meant that something was agreeable. You got a good grade on a test: “Awesome!” Your friend said he’ll arrive in 5 minutes: “Awesome!” Someone asks how you’re feeling: “Awesome!”

This is a far cry from what the word is supposed to mean. If you look “awesome” up in the dictionary, it will say “inspiring awe.” So, you then have to look up what “awe” means. Webster’s Dictionary defines it as “an emotion variously combining dread, veneration and wonder that is inspired by overwhelming greatness (as in beauty, power or size).” This is a word that was once reserved to describe the most wonderful of things. So, when we read it in the Bible today, it has lost some of its impact when describing the one true and most awesome God.

The first time we find the word “awesome” in the Bible is when Jacob receives the vision of a ladder going into heaven at Bethel in Genesis 28:10-22. Here, God spoke to Jacob and gave him the same great land, great nation and great Seed promises that were given to Abraham and Isaac. When Jacob awoke, verse 17 tells us, “And he was afraid and said, ‘How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven!’” Jacob realized that he was in the presence of God. And in response, he consecrated the place and vowed his loyalty to the Lord (28:18-22).

In the Bible, the word “awesome” is a feeling reserved for only the most uniquely wonderful or fearful things. With very few exceptions, the word is almost always referring to the Lord God or His works. It is such a powerful feeling that, like Jacob, it demands our immediate reverence and obedience. In Deuteronomy 10:16-17, Moses declared, “Therefore circumcise the foreskin of your heart, and be stiff-necked no longer. For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome...”

This article is not written to make anyone feel guilty about using the word “awesome” in a casual way. However, it is a reminder that when the Bible uses it, we must understand the grand magnificence it is conveying. Our God is fearful (Deut. 7:21). Our God is mighty (Jer. 20:11). Our God is holy (Psa. 111:9). And, our God is so loving, He suffered and died to save us (John 3:16-17). Now that’s awesome! ~Robert Lupo

Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith. (Phil 3:8-9)

Keep these Dates in Mind	Birthdays and Anniversaries	
02/01 Monthly Potluck 02/10 Hand and Foot get together 01/14 Men's Business Meeting	Wanda Danley 2/16 Jim Preston 2/22 Josh Mendoza 2/27	
Today's News	Bible Studies	
Potluck next week	Adult Bible Classes (Fellowship Hall) Sunday am (9:30a) – 1st Timothy Wed pm (7:00p) – Minor Prophets	Ladies Class Ladies class - Thursday 11:00 -12:30. Survey of the O.T.

For us to remember:

- **Annie Phom, Pat Lindsay, Karen McBurney, Tami Pennington, Jim Preston, Sandi Gray, Shannon Mendoza, Bill Lafferty, Linda Lafferty, Lyn Gigar, Queca Woods, Paul Mays, Shauna** (Ila Stevens granddaughter), **Jonni Marcotte, Joe Marcotte, Freddie Garza** (Danny's cousin), **Terry Brown, Lupe Mendoza, Jackson Ward** (Josh Mendoza's friend), **Tamara Zog, Pam Fox, Doreen Martinez, Carlos Soto, Chris Romero,**
- **Lupe Mendoza** – Congestive Heart Failure
- **Nate Perkins** (Danny's relative) has cancer
- **Granny Perkins** (Danny's relative) Kidney issues
- **Curtis Mohr** – (Lonna's son) – as he continues to recover from respiratory infection
- **Urlene Reeves** - (Fran's relative)
- **Karen McBurney**- fell again and hurt her head and neck
- **John** – (Connie's Brother) – dialysis for kidney function
- **Judy Ward** – as she deals with aFib issues

Date	Opening Prayer	Song Leader	Communion Thought	Lord's Supper	Closing Prayer
This week	H. Jones	H. Jones	J. Mendoza	G. Keever L. Moore	B. Lafferty
Next Week	G. Keever	L. Moore	J. Wilson	K. Winstead J. Mendoza	D. Mendoza

“I Can Fix Anything”

Our culture revolves around self-reliance. If you can't figure it out yourself, tough luck. The danger of this mindset is that it leads to a self-reliance in our faith in which we seek to try and figure it out all on our own. When we operate off this assumption, we don't learn how to rely upon God and try to resolve everything ourselves.

But there is one problem that we can't fix on our own: “None is righteous, no, not one” (Rom 3:10) and “All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God” (3:23). We can't be good enough, read enough books, watch enough “how-to videos,” or find a professional who can fix our sin problem apart from Jesus Christ. Our arrogance lies in thinking we can figure it out without Jesus, no matter what skills we might have in life. No matter how we have gotten ourselves out of situations in the past through cleverness, personality, or smoothing things over — these things can't save us. Only Jesus Christ, through the grace that He extends to humanity, can resolve the problem of sin.

It might seem like this is a lesson that the lost world needs to hear, and it certainly is. But what about the church? Does this really apply to us? Consider this: How many times do we try to solve spiritual problems with worldly solutions rather than turning to His Word for guidance? How often do we try to fix things ourselves rather than turning to God in prayer? How often do we try to resolve conflict in ways other than how Jesus taught in Matthew 18? How often do we make decisions based on “what works” rather than “what is biblical?” Probably more often than we should. Simply because we are saved does not excuse us from applying the teachings of Jesus and His Apostles to our lives — even in matters of practicality.

Some things cannot be properly fixed except through Jesus Christ. The more we learn to rely upon Him and His teachings for even the small things in life, the more we will grow in Christian maturity and become more like Him. ~Spencer Clark

“Nobody” Does, But Do I?

When the Bible says that something is “not wise,” it ought to cause us to really pay attention. In 2 Corinthians 10:12, Paul shows us that it is “not wise” to spend any effort in “measuring” ourselves or “comparing” ourselves with others. Doing so will usually make us either feel guilty or feel better. But what others do or don't do is not our standard! Consider one application.

Sometimes we might say, “Nobody speaks to me at church.” But, rather than use that as my standard, do I myself openly, lovingly, intentionally speak to others at church? We might say, “Nobody invites me out to lunch.” But, do I invite anyone else out to lunch? We may say, “Nobody invites me over to their house.” But, do I invite anyone to my house?

God says, “A man who has friends must himself be friendly” (Prov. 18:24). Rather than measure out what we might consider the “unfriendliness” of others, let us set an example of our own in reaching out, engaging, fellowshiping, encouraging and bonding with our brethren. Such will bless all of us reciprocally!

~David Sproule

Wednesday Night Devotional

	song leader	Devotional		song leader	Devotional
01/07	L. Moore	J. Mendoza	02/04	L. Moore	G. Keever
01/14	J. Mendoza	B. Lafferty	02/11	J. Mendoza	D. Mclaughlin
01/21	D. Mendoza	L. Moore	02/18	D. Mendoza	H. Jones
01/28	D. Mendoza	J. Wilson	02/25	L. Moore	J. Mendoza

