

Awe and Wonder

Read - Acts Chapter 2 verse 42

The fellowship of the believers

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵ They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Awe and Wonder... Wow! Gasp, Take my breath away....

Suddenlys....the unexpected, beyond our understanding or expectation! Shock...Amazement....

Snow on Thursday ...

Ephesians Chapter 3 v20

²⁰ Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen.

Are we expecting or don't we believe it could happen?

Acts Chapter 2 verse 1

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues^[a] as the Spirit enabled them.

I want some more Suddenlys

Shepherds in the fields, ordinary people

Luke Chapter 2 v 8

And there were shepherds living out in the fields near by, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign to you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.'

¹³ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

*¹⁴ 'Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests.*

Exodus Chapter 3 - Moses at the burning bush

Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ² There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. ³ So Moses thought, 'I will go over and see this strange sight – why the bush does not burn up.'

⁴ *When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, 'Moses! Moses!'*

And Moses said, 'Here I am.'

Mike was teaching a class, Wendy was mucking out the horses, Chris was baking a cake, Dave was in Wetherspoons, Liz was changing nappies...

Suddenly, expect, believe, and grasp the opportunity!

John Chapter 21 - Jesus provides breakfast on the shore
Majesty not magic...Miraculous...

One of OCF's focuses for the year is
Building and sensing the Presence of God

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In our Worship for who HE is

Through the Gifts of the Holy Spirit
Opportunities for God to speak through – Prophecy, Words of Knowledge, Wisdom etc

Not just on Sundays...**BUT**
Making it a normal part of our everyday lives

Verse 47 *And the Lord added to their number DAILY those who were being saved*

Impacting our community with 'The presence of God'
With the **Awe and Wonder** of what God is doing
Street Pastors – Healing on the Streets
Grace –Testimony- her friend wants to become a Christian

Emma Stark Prophecy was OCF
'Becoming a habitation of the presence of God'

The Glory of the Lord filling the temple – Our temple.

Taking His Glory and Presence wherever we go,
In earthen vessels, you and me, carriers of God

Let's Pray.
'Lord let your GLORY fall as in that ancient day'

