

SERMON MESSAGE FOR SEPTEMBER 7/8, 2019

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BEAUTIFULLY IMPERFECT
I Will Speak of God's Greatness
Psalm 145 (p. 543)

THE PRINCIPLE → A _____ glance can help focus our
_____ gaze.

WE RECOGNIZE GOD'S ...

1. Fathomless _____. (vs. 3-7)

THE INSIGHT → God is _____. (Rom. 11:33)

2. Gracious _____. (vs. 8-10)

3. Glorious _____. (vs. 11-13)

THE INSIGHT → God is _____ and in _____. (Ps. 103:19)

REMEMBER: _____ OMETHING _____ IGGER _____ S _____ OING _____ N!

4. Unfailing _____. (vs. 14-17; James 1:17)

THE INSIGHT → He gives us what we _____, not what we _____.

5. Tender _____. (vs. 18-21; Ps. 34:18; Ps. 73:28)

THE MAIN CHALLENGE → Keep the focus on what an _____
_____ we have. (Rom. 6:23)



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FROM SEPTEMBER 7/8, 2019 SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR SERMON-BASED LIFE GROUPS

Personal preparation: Read the passage, review your outline, and think through the questions. With your group, watch the video blog together (www.efcc.org/video-blog).

CONNECTING

1. What is a favorite memory of something God has done in your life? Why?

GROWING

2. Our God is a God of *fathomless greatness*. What does *fathomless greatness* mean and how does meditating on it throughout the day help with your approach to _____? (Fill in the blank) And to whom might you speak about the power of His awesome acts and of His greatness?

3. How have you experienced the *gracious compassion* of the LORD this week? Would you be sure to give Him thanks and bless His name?

4. What's one or two ways you have recently seen *God's glorious control* over the events and affairs of your life? Have you spoken to anyone about that? Who could you talk to?

5. How have you experienced the *tender responsiveness* of God this week?

SHARING

6. How are you feeling led to respond to this week's message?

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(For Scripture references and fill-in the blanks)

"... let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name." Hebrews 13:15

THE PRINCIPLE: A **backward** glance can help focus our **forward** gaze.

"Those who fail to learn from history are condemned to repeat it." Sir Winston Churchill

WE RECOGNIZE GOD'S ...

1. Fathomless **greatness**. (vs. 3-7)

THE INSIGHT: God is **good at everything**. (Rom. 11:33)

"Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways!" Romans 11:33

2. Gracious **compassion**. (vs. 8-10)

"No chorus is too loud, no orchestra too large, no psalm too lofty for the praising of the LORD of Hosts." Charles Spurgeon

3. Glorious **control**. (vs. 11-13)

THE INSIGHT: God is **large** and in **charge**. (Ps. 103:19)

"The LORD has established His throne in the heavens, and His sovereignty rules overall." Psalm 103:19

REMEMBER

Something
Bigger
Is
Going
On!

4. Unfailing **faithfulness**. (vs. 14-17; James 1:17)

"Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights;" James 1:17

THE INSIGHT: He gives us what we **need**, not what we **want**.

5. Tender **responsiveness**. (vs. 18-21; Ps. 34:18; Ps. 73:28)

"The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit." Psalm 34:18

"But as for me, the nearness of God is my good;" Psalm 73:28

THE MAIN CHALLENGE: Keep the focus on what an **awesome Savior** we have. (Rom. 6:23)

"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 6:23