

“Glorification”

Sermon for March 17 2019 2ND Sunday of Lent

Sermon Text: Philippians 3:21 NRSV

He will transform the body of our humiliation
And conformed it to the body of his glory.

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All of us are on the journey God has called us to. We
have all been called from humiliation to glorification.

The psalmist declared as much when he wrote—

*Adonai is my vision and my deliverance; There is nothing
and no one to fear—Though every entity and factor in life
may rise against me, it's all good. I will go deep into his
beauty, his shelter, his dwelling place, his cover, his love,
his sanctuary, his lifting me out of defeat and humiliation
to glory and victory.*

Do we know what it means to “Go Deep” with God?

Do we know what it means to move beyond the
surface of our faith and spirituality? How does God’s
vision become our vision?

How can we move from the common, the normal to
the uncommon, the realm of existence where God’s
holiness dominates our thinking and our vision for
the future?

How do our lives and our thinking move from living in the fear of death, or having the shadow of death hover over us, to the place of bold, fearless and faithful living?

We read in Genesis 15 that God had spoken to Abraham as God has spoken to us through Jesus—

Do not be afraid, Abram, for I am your shield; your reward shall be very great shall be very great. 15:1

In verse two Abram protests—
how will you bless me for I continue childless—you have given me no offspring.

Then God comforted him through the agency of his natural surroundings, the limitless stars of space—
Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them...So shall your descendants be”

We then read in verse 6 that he believed YHWH, the God “I Am,” and YHWH made him righteous through his belief.

When we believe the glory of God that is right in front of us, then we are capable of moving from the

common to the uncommon, from the normal to the miraculous, from defeat to glorification.

God seeks to glorify us. God seeks to magnify our lives thousands of times over. When circumstances, people and our own self-doubt and inner struggling brings us down and lay us low, God is at work, revising and reforming thought and action to take us to victory—to glorify our lives for the sake of His name. Glory hallelujah. Amen.