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Message Series: Stronger: Hard Times Reveal God's Power

Today's Message: GLORY: The Ability to Outlive Your Own Life

Revelation 4:11

* It is not great men who change the world, but weak men in the Hands of a Great God."

~Brother Yun

* "Trust in Jesus starts by being in a place that gives us a Glimpse of His Glory."

* "The Glory of God is a living man; and the life of man consists in beholding God." ~Irenaeus

"Glory" (GK: doxa) - brilliance, majesty, grandeur, radiance, magnificence

1. In Death: Seeing The Glory

"Jesus' suffering led to glory. And if you know that glory is coming, you can handle suffering too." ~Keller

Revelation 4:11

John 16:16, 22

Romans 8:18, 21

Psalms 73:26

Huge Question: "Are those closest to me being pulled by God's Glory in me to know Christ?"

* "God is glorified not only by His Glory being seen and noticed but also by us rejoicing in it."

~Edwards

Acts 4:13, 19, 20, 33

2. The Glory on Stephen's Face

Acts 6:8, 12, 13, 15

Acts 7:54-56, 59, 60

⇒ Stephen, like Peter and John, was so full of God's Glory that he could not help but speak out!

John 7:37-39

Revelation 19:1, 7-9

⇒ Those who killed Stephen saw the Glory of God on Stephen's battered face; the Glory of God revealing God's Great presence and power, outlived Stephen's life.

FOUR TRUTHS:

1) **A Paradox:** Our darkest moments carry with them the Weight of Glory.

2) **God makes Himself Known** not despite the wreckage of our lives but thru the wreckage itself.

2 Timothy 4:16, 17

3) **There Is No Greater Strength:** Than to forgive your enemies in your weakest moment. (Jesus, Stephen, Paul)

4) **The Future Glory of God:** Gives you the strength to overcome when you cannot see the Glory now.

Revelation 21:2-5

Revelation 22:17