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CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

1 CHRONICLES 29:11-16

A SPECIAL MESSAGE DELIVERED ON SUNDAY NOVEMBER 22, 2015

THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD” – PART 2

IT'S NOT A QUESTION BUT AN EYEWITNESS ACCOUNT THAT IS STILL...

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

Joy, The Faithfulness of God, Service, Worship, Church

Introduction to the Text;

1 Chronicles 29:11-16

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Yours, LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. 12 Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. 13 Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name. 14 “But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand. 15 We are foreigners and strangers in your sight, as were all our ancestors. Our days on earth are like a shadow, without hope. 16 LORD our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a temple for your Holy Name comes from your hand, and all of it belongs to you.

**How Appropriate
That Thanksgiving Week is Upon Us.**

(A Uniquely Christian Holy Day)

HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD

1.) **He's the kind of God who Invites us into the labor**

Zechariah 4:10b NLT

Do not despise these small beginnings,
for the LORD rejoices to see the work begin.

In 1991 we moved from the **houses** into a **warehouse**:

We were a heavy Metal church (the doors).

HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD

2.) **He's the kind of God who provides all that is needed**

The Agape Box

In the days of the home Bible study we had a wooden "agape box" for people to freely give, as they desired...

A low profile of giving and the little Ole' lady from Pasadena.

"When God guides, God provides"
- Pastor Chuck Smith-

The **warehouse** expanded into **warehouses**,
and then those warehouses **had to be enlarged**.

God's Amazing Provision!!! - - - I could not have had a better beginning.

Greg Laurie led me to Christ.

Chuck Smith pastored me thru the Bible.

Dr. David Hocking loved me and took me along side himself to Bible study.

Chuck Missler taught me to look at every word of the Bible.

Dr. Ed Hindson challenges me to keep looking up.

Tony Perkins encourages me to fight.

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3.) **He's the kind of God who transforms us enroute**

A call went out from Dr. Bill Bright to Chuck Smith.

Pastor Chuck then sends out a letter calling CC ministry to consider getting over to Russia – Quick

In 1992 we linked up with CCCM and went to Russia

**Currency Exchange:
Money Converting Money into Tools**

Over the next decade many more trips to **Russia** took place,
then into **Germany**, and **Mexico**, and **China** and more....

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4.) He's the kind of God who uses us for His glory

As the popular saying goes,

"If you build it, they will come" – that's one of the dumbest things I have ever heard. But I can tell you this,
that if you "Preach and Teach the Bible, They will come".

Media Began - Cassette tapes began to be requested and mailed out. Then Pastor Chuck Smith "told us" to be on radio.

\$\$\$ The Wednesday Night Church / Missionaries \$\$\$

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5.) He's the kind of God who encourages us onward

The LORD Jesus arose and went before the disciples into Galilee.
The LORD parted the Red Sea before Israel could cross over.
The LORD guided Israel in the wilderness by a great cloud.

We saw God provide in "**strange normal**" ways. The more we stayed close to Him, the more things opened up.

Construction, outreaches, helping other **churches with \$**, providing assistance to **Israel**, and locally to those in need, "**Katrina Cows**" for those in New Orleans.

Past **Blessings** and Opened **Doors**
are **Barometers** of What's Coming in Our **Future**

Luke 16:10-12 NIV

"Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. 11 So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? 12 And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own?"

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6.) He's the kind of God who magnifies Himself in us

What did we know? – Just what the Bible said and what we were seeing. The church just grew. It grew from 8 to 30 to 140 to several 1,000 to - I do not know now.

Someone once said, "*Small churches have small problems but big churches have big problems*" – the truth is, (1) the **bigger** the church, (2) the **bigger** the problems. (3) The **bigger** the problems, (4)

the **bigger** the need, (5) the **bigger** the opportunities, (6) the **bigger** the witness, (7) influence and (8) impact.

John 6:1-5, 13-14

After these things Jesus went over the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. 2 Then a great multitude followed Him, because they saw His signs which He performed on those who were diseased. 3 And Jesus went up on the mountain, and there He sat with His disciples. 4 Now the Passover, a feast of the Jews, was near. 5 Then Jesus lifted up His eyes, and seeing a great multitude coming toward Him, He said to Philip, **“Where shall we buy bread, that these may eat?”** 6 But this He said to test him, for He Himself knew what He would do... 13 But He said to them, **“You give them something to eat.”** (Christian ministry) And they said, **“We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we go (to Costco) and buy food for all these people.”** 14 For there were about five thousand men not counting women and children.

And who magnifies Himself in us

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7.) He's the kind of God who fills us with Himself

In whatever we have been allowed to do for God, it has always been done by
His Holy Spirit.

Acts 1:8

But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Influence – you cannot take the Bible and add **changed lives** and mix it with new-life without having a direct result. *Sheep reproduce sheep* when New-People begin to live out their faith
"naturally, supernaturally."

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8.) He's the kind of God who prompts us to go on

What the Lord begins, He finishes. He is not like us.

Psalm 138:8 & Philippians 1:6

The LORD will work out his plans for my life - for your faithful love, O LORD, endures forever. Don't abandon me, for you made me. - - 6 being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ;

HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD

9.) He's the kind of God who will reward us for serving

Ephesians 6b-8a

but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, ⁷ with goodwill doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men, ⁸ knowing that whatever good anyone does, he will receive the same from the Lord.

2Cor. 5:9 Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him. ¹⁰ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things *done* in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

Thank You Jack – Telling Others About Me, For Standing for The Righteous Things That I Care About. Thank you for **having kept My word, and having not denied My name.**

Matthew 25:23 His lord said to him, "Well *done*, good and faithful servant;

————— *End of Study* —————

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