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Talk together about the glory of God's kingdom. –Psalm 145:11

Love the Lord your God and **walk** in all his ways. –Joshua 22:5

Questions for Reflection or Discussion

- What from Sunday's message interested you? ...made sense to you? ...confused you? ...intrigued you? ...upset you? ...encouraged you? ...and **why**?
- Pastor Ryan spoke of Isaiah's encounter with God, so let's get to know the man, Isaiah, a bit. According to Isaiah 1:1, Isaiah's ministry—spanning the reigns of multiple kings—lasted almost 65 years! What sort of reputation for integrity/holiness would you think such a minister would have possessed?

(The Bible does not record Isaiah's death, but Jewish tradition records that he was martyred for his faith.)
- Read Isaiah 6:1-4. Above the Lord were "seraphim". Seraphim are angels of the highest magnitude. Their name literally means "burning ones" or "fiery beings". Let's see what **they** do in God's presence. Each has three pairs of wings. How many of a seraph's wings are used for the typical function of wings?

What function do two-thirds of a saraph's wings serve? What does covering one's face and feet suggest?

Aren't angels holy? Aren't angels of the highest magnitude—"burning, fiery ones"—holy? So, what does covering one's face and feet in God's presence suggest?
(If you're not certain, observe the content of their proclamation in v. 3!)
- How holy are you? As holy as Isaiah? As holy as a seraph? As holy as God[†]?
([†] See Isaiah 1:4; 5:19 & 24; 10:20; 12:6; 17:7; 29:19; 30:11-12, 15; 31:1; 37:23; 41:14, 16 & 20; 43:3 & 14; 45:11; 47:4; 48:17; 49:7; 54:5; 55:5; 60:9 & 14)
- Read Isaiah 6:5-8. **Why** did encountering and experiencing God's holiness **traumatize** Isaiah?

When have you had a disturbing encounter with God's holiness? Would you tell us about it?

Imagine a terrifying being asking, "Whom shall I send?" **Why** do you think Isaiah volunteered?

How likely would **you** be to volunteer?

Make a list of some things that God asks us to do today. How many of those things are you doing?

The MANY faces of ANGER



*Yup,
these too!*



*(You know
who you are!)*



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How can our children know the Lord and recognize his glory?
Psalm 78:1-8 tells us how, step by step:

"O my people, listen to my instructions. Open your ears to what I am saying... I will teach you... lessons from our past—stories we have heard and known, stories our ancestors handed down to us. We will not hide these truths from our children; we will tell the next generation about the glorious deeds of Yahweh, about his power and his mighty wonders... He commanded our ancestors to teach them to their children, so the next generation might know them—even the children not yet born—and they in turn will teach their own children. So each generation should set its hope anew on God, not forgetting his glorious miracles and obeying his commands. Then they will not be like their ancestors—stubborn, rebellious, and unfaithful, refusing to give their hearts to God."

Take some time this week to study this passage, making a list of everything that we must do—and avoid doing.

Then, turn that list into a daily prayer request for your family and seek opportunities to tell your children some "*glorious deeds of Yahweh*".

Digging Deeper in Your Daily Quiet Time

"Five Question Bible Study" (see page below) is a simple way to study any passage.
Each of the following sets of verses teach how we can live to God's glory...

Monday— Study Malachi 1:6-7; 2:2 & Deuteronomy 15:21

Tuesday—Study John 15:8; Romans 1:13; Galatians 5:22-23; Colossians 1:10

Wednesday—Study 1 Corinthians 6:18-20

Thursday—Study 1 Peter 4:16

Friday—Study 2 Corinthians 9:13

Saturday—Study 1 Peter 2:12 & Matthew 5:16

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"Five Question Bible Study"?
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Five Question Bible Study

Bible Text: _____ Date: _____



What idea particularly strikes me from this text? [Note in which verse(s) it is found.]



What question does this text raise in my mind—and how would **this text** answer it?



What about Jesus Christ—his character and/or his redemption—relates to this text?



What action must I take as a result of this text? Be concrete and specific.



With whom will I share what I learned from this text? [and what was their response?]