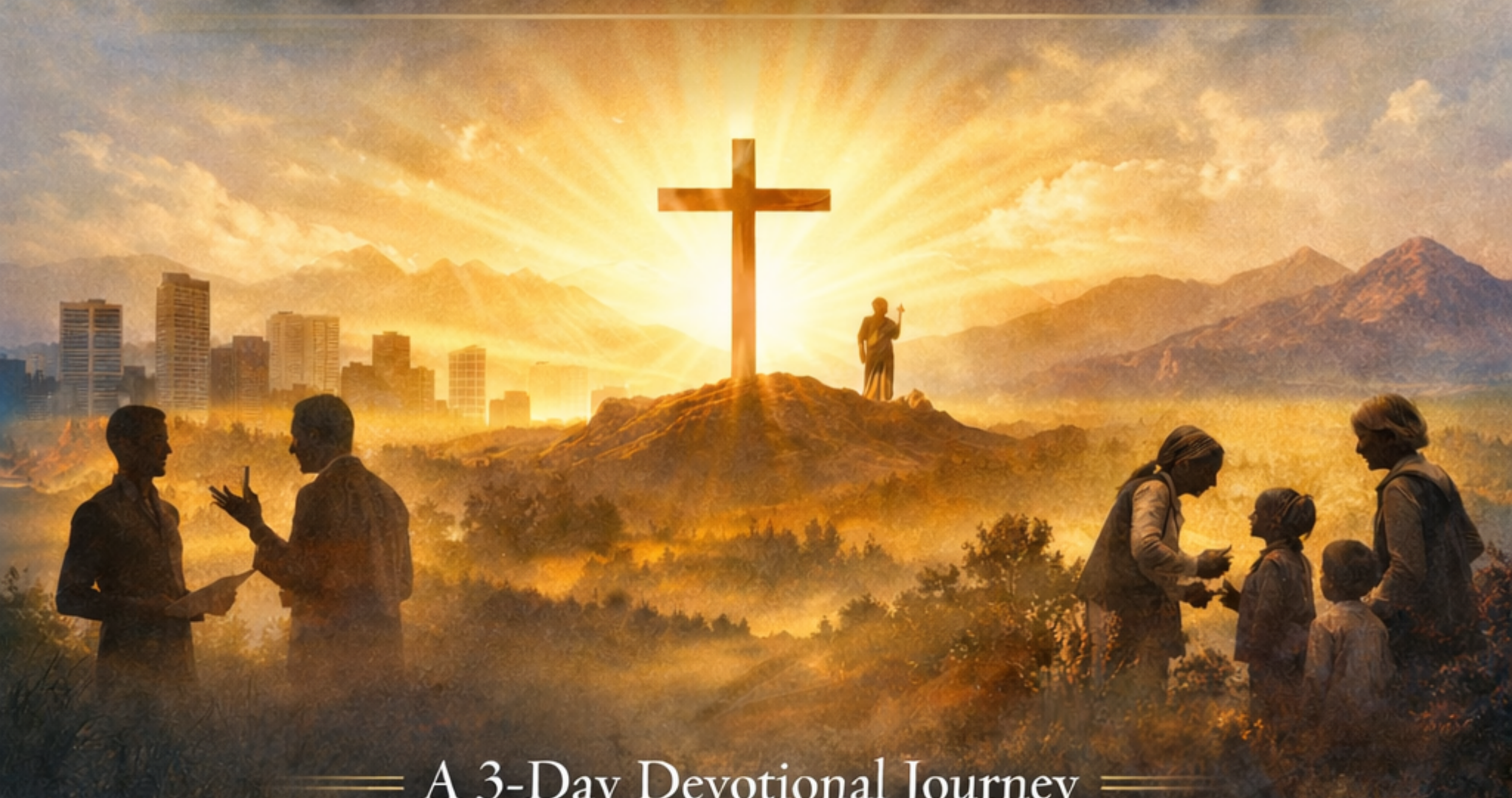
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INTRODUCTION: CREATED FOR DOXA

The Greek word ***doxa*** is most often translated as ***glory***. It shows up in the New Testament about 160 times, usually in reference to God. At its core, it conveys the ideas of weight, worth, radiance, and visible honor. As with its Hebrew counterpart (*kavod*), it generally refers to one of three things: "glory" can refer to **who God is**, **what God does**, and **what God desires and deserves**. Psalm 96:3-4 is a perfect example, almost as if the Psalmist intended to supply us with the definition of glory! *"Declare his glory… great is the Lord…"* (who God is). *"Declare…his marvelous works…"* (what He does). *"…great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised…"* (what He desires and deserves). The entire grand narrative of the Bible and redemptive history is all about this! There is a great and glorious God who desires and deserves to be known and praised by worshipers from all peoples!

When Scripture speaks of the glory of God, it is not referring to something God occasionally displays. *Glory is intrinsic to who God is*. He does not seek glory because He lacks something, but because *He is worthy of it*.

In **Ephesians 1:12**, the apostle Paul reminds us about our relationship with God and His glory by reminding us why we exist: *"so that we, who were the first to hope in Christ, might **be** for the praise of His glory*." That phrase is both deeply theological and profoundly practical. Before it tells us anything about what we should do, it tells us *who we are*. We **exist** for *the praise of God's glory!* We are in our very essence **worshippers**!

This is where everything begins: **being before doing**.

We do not primarily glorify God by adding more religious activities to our lives. We glorify God by living out of a redeemed identity. *We are worshippers*. Worship is not merely something we do; it is who we are. Purpose, mission, and action *flow from* that identity. In other words, we do what we do because of *who* we are.

This distinction matters. When identity is unclear, mission becomes distorted. But when identity is secure — rooted in Christ and anchored in God's glory — purpose flows naturally and joyfully.

God hasn't called us all to "full-time ministry," but He has called us to be ministers full-time. Scripture describes God's people as a **royal priesthood** (Exodus 19:6; 1 Peter 2:9). If you are a full-time Christian — and there is no other kind! — then you are a full-time minister. Every believer represents God all the time and everywhere! Wherever they live, work, and serve (meaning wherever they minister) they are to do so not merely for the good of those around them but primarily for the glory of God.

I was thinking about you as I wrote this little booklet. It's a brief labor of love. This short devotional journey is designed to help you begin 2026 with clarity and intentionality. Over three days (I suggest January 1-3), we will reflect on what it means to live for God's glory:

- **in all areas of life,**
- **across all spheres of society, and**
- **among all peoples of the world.**

These are not separate callings. Together, they form one integrated, doxological vision for faithful Christian living in 2026 and beyond.

Let's get started on our three-day journey.

DAY 1: GOD'S GLORY IN ALL AREAS OF LIFE

Living Every Day for God's Glory

Key Scripture

"So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God." (1 Corinthians 10:31)

Reflection

Paul's words in 1 Cor. 10:31 are intentionally ordinary. Eating and drinking are among the most basic activities of daily life. By using them as examples, Paul dismantles the idea that God's glory is limited to spiritual moments or sacred spaces. Nothing is too small. Nothing is spiritually neutral.

"All" really means all.

To glorify God is not to live a divided life — one part sacred, one part secular. It is not to live a dis-integrated life. It is to live a **whole life** — an integrated life — oriented toward God's honor and glory. Our thoughts, habits, finances, work ethic, integrity, relationships, rest, and decision-making all matter because they all reflect something about the God we love, worship and serve.

This is **embodied worship**. We don't merely declare God's worth with our words; we demonstrate it with our lives. In fact, if you are not demonstrating His worth through your life, it's better for everyone that you don't try to talk about it with your words. On the other hand, when our everyday choices align with God's Word, character and purposes, our lives become visible testimonies to His glory… our lives **shine**!

Application

The beginning of a new year invites honest reflection. (I know. You were worried I was going to quote the ubiquitous Socrates quote that "The unexamined life is not worth living." Not to worry. I'll leave that to others. 😉)

As you step into 2026, are there areas of your life that you have quietly placed outside God's glory — areas you manage on your own terms? Are there habits, attitudes, or priorities that no longer reflect who you are in Christ? Why not go ahead and hand those over to the Lord as you start the year?

Living for God's glory this year starts with alignment, not perfection. It means inviting the Lord to shape not only your public faith but your private life — how you speak, how you spend, how you rest, how you respond under pressure. The Gospel is not just something you believe; it is something that reshapes how you live today.

As worshippers by identity, our calling in 2026 is to bring every area of life under the lordship of Christ. As we do, ordinary faithfulness — practiced day after day — becomes extraordinary witness over time.



PRAYER

Father, You created me for Your glory. As I begin this year, I offer my whole life to You again. Show me where my life reflects Your purposes and where it needs to be reshaped by your Holy Spirit. May even the ordinary moments of my life become acts of worship that bring You praise throughout the year. Amen.

DAY 2: GOD'S GLORY IN ALL SPHERES OF SOCIETY

Faithful Presence Where God Has Placed You

Key Scripture

"Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." (Matthew 5:16)

Reflection

Jesus assumes something essential about His followers: they will be **visible**. Light, by definition, is meant to be seen. The issue is not whether our lives will influence others, but how — and ***toward whom*** that influence points.

God has placed each of us within specific spheres of society: family, business, education, government, healthcare, arts, technology, and more. These placements are not random. They are part of God's sovereign design and redemptive purposes.

Jesus makes the goal clear. Our good works are not meant to draw attention to ourselves, but to direct ***glory to the Father***. Faithful presence, lived consistently over time, becomes a powerful witness to the reality of God's existence, His kingship, and His kingdom.

Application

For many Christ-followers, **this year** calls for a *renewed vision of vocation,* which actually means "calling" (from the Latin *vocatio*). Work is not a distraction from ministry; it is often the primary context for it. Our primary spheres of influence — where we live, work, play and serve — are not optional add-ons to the Great

Commission; rather, they are the contexts for it, and essential expressions of it, especially in places where traditional ministers (e.g. “full-time” pastors and missionaries) have limited access.

As you look ahead to **2026**, ask yourself: What sphere(s) of society has God entrusted to me in this season? Where has He already given me credibility, relationships, and influence? How might my faith shape the culture, values, and practices of that space **this year**, thus revealing Kingdom values and priorities and pointing people to Christ?

Sometimes glorifying God means speaking the Gospel clearly. At other times, it means showing up consistently, working with excellence, leading with integrity, and serving with humility. When believers live intentionally within their spheres of influence **today**, transformation happens quietly and deeply — not through power or position, but through faithful presence and thoughtful engagement.



PRAYER

Lord, thank You for placing me where I am. Help me to see my work, relationships, and influence as sacred trust. Teach me how to steward them well, reflecting Your character and Kingdom in the spaces You’ve given me and the spheres of influence into which You have placed me. May my life point others to You through faithful service and integrity. Amen.

DAY 3: GOD'S GLORY AMONG ALL PEOPLES OF THE WORLD

A Global Vision for Everyday Disciples

Key Scripture

"Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples!" (Psalm 96:3)

Reflection

God's heart has always been global. From the beginning of Scripture to its final pages, we encounter a God who desires to be known and worshipped by all peoples. The Great Commission is not a new idea; it is the unfolding of God's eternal redemptive plan.

Yet many believers struggle to see how this applies to them personally. Not everyone is called to cross cultures or relocate internationally. But everyone is called to participate in God's glorious mission to be known and worshipped among all peoples of the world.

Declaring God's glory does not require a passport. It requires awareness, intentionality, and obedience.

Application

Did you know that over 40% of the world's people (3.2 billion of 8 billion) and peoples (7000 of 17,000 people groups) have little to no access to the Gospel? Yet we live in a globally connected world, meaning that in 2026 the nations are closer to us and to the Gospel than ever. Even if you never leave your country, the

peoples of the world may already be part of your everyday life — in your workplace, neighborhood, schools, or online interactions.

This year, participating in God's global mission may look like praying intentionally for unreached peoples, giving generously to those who go as missionaries, or tentmakers or doing "business as mission" (BAM), welcoming internationals (immigrants and refugees… diaspora communities in general) into your life, or engaging personally in cross-cultural ministry by way of your job or business or on one or more short-term mission trips… things that create Gospel access where none exists. Declaring God's glory does not necessarily require a change of address; it requires obedience now. (Which may lead to a change of address later!) Take a minute to ask the Lord what He has in store for you as a minister of His Gospel in 2026? What does that look like? Where and among whom is it supposed to take place? How can it be radically different than in previous years?

Some are called to go. Others are called to send. Others are called to receive. All are called to love and care and intentionally engage the lost, especially the marginalized, the vulnerable, and the unreached. As a royal priesthood, we represent God to the nations and the nations to God. When our lives align with God's global purposes this year, our faithfulness — however ordinary it may feel — becomes part of God's redemptive work among all peoples.



PRAYER

God of the nations, enlarge my heart to reflect Yours. Help me to see the world through Your redemptive purposes. Show me how I can participate in Your mission through prayer, generosity, hospitality, and faithful witness. Use my life, in ways seen and unseen, for the praise of Your glory among all peoples. Amen.

YOU ARE SENT!

Did you know that the word Mass comes from the Latin *missa*, meaning "sent"? In many churches, at the close of worship, the people of God are not dismissed to return to ordinary life; they are ***sent*** back into the world with purpose. Worship does not end at the end of the "worship service" on Sunday! — it continues in lived obedience from Monday through Saturday.

This is precisely what Jesus meant when He said, "As the Father has sent Me, even so I am sending you" (John 20:21). Being sent is not reserved for a few. It is the calling of every disciple. As ***worshippers***, we are sent people by design. It is His holy intent that we be on mission with Him, all the time, everywhere.

Scripture helps us see this clearly through the Hebrew word *avodah*, a rich term that means work, service, and worship. Check out Joshua 24:15, where Joshua didn't merely say "we will serve the Lord," but rather said, "we will serve and work for and ***worship*** the Lord"! In God's economy, these are not separate categories. Our work becomes service, our service becomes worship, and our worship spills out into faithful action. What we do each day — in homes, workplaces, neighborhoods, and nations — becomes an offering to God, done for His glory.

As you step into 2026, remember this: ***you are sent***. Sent ***to glorify God*** in all areas of life, to serve faithfully in all spheres of society, and to participate — in ways seen and unseen — in God's redemptive purposes among all peoples of the world.

You are not sent alone. You are sent by Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit, joined by the global body of Christ, anchored in an identity shaped by the Father for His glory. Go. In 2026, may you live, work, serve, and worship in such a way that in all things, all the time, and everywhere, God may be honored, praised and glorified.