Mount Everest

Over 29,000 feet high. (The tallest man made building is 2,700 feet tall.)

Estimate a little over 6000 people have reached the summit.

A breathtaking landscape, yet you have an ability that is far higher than this majestic mountain.

Do you know that ability?

Grand Canyon

This Grand Canyon is 277 miles long, at times 18 miles wide, and has at places a depth of 6000 feet. Layers upon layers limestone, sandstone, and shale has led many to debate the canyon's age and formation.

Tourists flock to the site year after year, yet you have a particular gifting that is far deeper than this canyon.

Do you know this gifting?

Giant Coconut Crab

This beauty is the largest land-based arthropod in the world. There are accounts of them growing to become more than six feet across and weighing up to 30 pounds.

They get their name from their ability to climb palm trees, and with their claws clip off coconuts. Then they climb down and hammer the coconuts open with their claws.

Although fascinating, you have a God given ability that is incomparable. Do you know this ability?

Pygmy Slow Loris

This Southeast Asian mammal is one of the few venous mammals in the world. Although it is both add and cute in appearance, it has a sweat gland on its arms that it licks, and somehow the sweat when mixed with saliva becomes toxic. A bite from a loris could cause anaphylactic shock and even death. This animal is shocking and surprising, but it cannot compare to the power you have within you. Do you know this power?

Do you Know?

Nothing in nature, no landmarks, no animal can compare to what God has given you.

If we truly understood this we would marvel more when we look in the mirror.

You were given the ability to love God

Nowhere in scripture are plants and land formations instructed to love God.

But you are invited to love God.

Nowhere in God's Word are the neat and interesting animals commanded to love God.

Yet people like you and I were invited to love God.

Our Scripture reading told us so simply that there is 1 God and we can love this 1 God with all our hearts, mind, and strength.

We have a simple word for loving God... it is Worship.

WORSHIP

When you love God with your heart, it is worship.

When you think good loving thoughts about God in your mind, it is worship.

When you spend your strength for God, it is worship.

Your love for God is grander than any beauty of the Earth.

Your love for God is more noteworthy than anything in the animal kingdom.

You were made to worship.

Made To Worship (No Capo)

Chris Tomlin C-I-VPC-C-VPC-C-B-C (Just acoustic and vocal through the first chorus) Chorus С You and I were made to worship F2 You and I are called to love Dm7 G You and I are forgiven and free С When you and I embrace surrender F2 You and I choose to believe Dm7 G Then you and I will see what we were meant to be Intro: C F2 C F2 Verse 1 G2/B С Before the day, before the light Am F Before the world revolved around the sun С G2/B God on high stepped down into time G Am F And wrote the story of His love for everyone **Pre**-Chorus F G He has filled our hearts with wonder G F F So that we always remember Verse 2 С G2/B All we are and all we have Am G Is all a gift from God that we will see G2/B С Brought to life we open up our eyes Am F G To see the majesty and glory of the King Bridge C/E Dm Even the rocks cry out F Even the heavens shout At the sound of His Holy name Dm C/E So let every voice sing out F And let every knee bow down He is worthy of all our praise

We were made for worship.

The entire 6th chapter of Deuteronomy lays out the importance of our love for God. It systematically tells us that our love for God should mark our home, our family, and our children...

We are told that our love for God will actually be a blessing to our own selves.

Deuteronomy 6:10-11

<u>10 When the Lord your God brings you</u> <u>into the land he swore to your fathers,</u> <u>to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, to give</u> <u>you—a land with large, flourishing</u> <u>cities you did not build, 11 houses</u> <u>filled with all kinds of good things you</u> <u>did not provide, wells you did not dig,</u> <u>and vineyards and olive groves you did</u>

<u>not plant—then when you eat and are</u> <u>satisfied,</u>

Notice how their love for God blesses them... flourishing cities and homes they did not build for themselves... provisions that they did not gain for themselves... vineyards they did not plant.

And God follows this chapter of love and blessing with a strange warning.

Deuteronomy 6:12

<u>12 be careful that you do not forget</u> <u>the Lord</u>

How could they ever forget the 1 true God? They did...

How could they ever stop loving the one

who freed them from slavery in Egypt? They did...

How could they cease to worship the one who provided for them and brought into the promised land? They did...

God was good to them, yet they forgot.

Thank goodness we aren't like that... Oh but we are very much like that.

We have prayed to God for a job and seen God give us that great job... only to turn around and complain about the job and lack thankfulness, love, and worship.

We are so blessed to live in this free country... yet we fall short of using that freedom to love God as much as we should. Our God has called us, forgiven us, healed us, delivered us... yet our countenance shows that we have forgotten.

Be careful that you do not forget the Lord.

Worship, actively loving God, is how we make sure we don't forget.

I Will Not Forget You

Verse 1: G D Many men will drink the rain Em7 C And turn to thank the clouds G D Many men will hear you Speak Em7 С They will never turn around PreChorus: G But I will not forget D/F# You are my God my king Em7 With a thankful heart С I bring you my offering G And my sacrifice is D/F# Not what You can give Em7 But what I alone can С Give to you Chorus: G A grateful heart I give D/F# A thankful prayer I pray Em7 C A wild dance I dance before You G A loud song I sing D/F# A huge bell I ring С Em7 A life of praise I live before You Verse 2: G D Many men will pour their gold Em7 С And serve a thing that shines G D Many men will read your words Em7 С They will never change their minds