



DEVOTIONAL SERIES
ALL THERE IS OF ME
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I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.
Psalm 145:1-2 (ESV)

In his book *Awe: Why It Matters for Everything We Think, Say, and Do*, Paul David Tripp asks the question “What is the worldview of this Psalm?” He gives the response, “It is that every human being has been hard wired by God to **live** in daily awe of Him. This means the deepest, most life shaping, practical daily motivation of every human being was designed to **be** the awe of God.

This is the calling of every person. This is the “All there is of me” that Cox and Brooks write about in this song. God shall be blessed and praised with our time and talents; in our dreams and futures; every moment of our life; in fame and failure; in joy and mourning; with our hands and voices; in the stillness and silent places. We shall bless Him with ourselves. Completely! With all there is of me!

The message for the church today in this song is simple and yet complex. In the midst of the turmoil and uncertainty in the world, praising God as sovereign is the solution. But what does that mean? We can speak the words, but how do we put them into action? God is indeed sovereign; we must be the hands and feet of God in God’s world. How do we put **that** into action? It should be the thing that in some way motivates everything we do or say.

Awe of God should be the reason I do what I do with my thoughts, my desires, my possessions, my neighbours, where I work and serve. God gives direction to the way I live as a citizen, and much more. “All there is of me” means God must dominate my entire life because of the central missional gifts of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

“All there is of me” shows up in humility, tenderness, passion, confidence, discipline, and rest, as we endeavour to live exhibiting the fruits of the Spirit in a messy, upside-down world.

There will be moments when living this “All there is of me” life may be difficult. Then it is time to rest in God’s care. God is with us, and He cares, and that guarantees that we do have and will have everything we need to be able to live the “All there is of me” life.