

# Out of the Mouths of Babes

Psalm 8



What things are people sometimes proud of?  
What things are people sometimes ashamed of?  
“Who am I? And do I matter?”  
Prayer: Help us to find ourselves in your glory

## Psalm 8

- 1: God is overwhelmingly great over all creation
- 2: “Out of the mouths of babes” is not much of a stronghold!!
- 3-4:

“Human beings are like a breath; their days are like a fleeting shadow.” Psalm 144:3

When I consider your heavens

How many stars in the Milky Way Galaxy?

Maybe 100 billion = 100,000,000,000 (11 zeros)

How many galaxies are there?

Maybe 10 trillion = 10,000,000,000,000 (13 zeros)

How many stars are in the universe?

Maybe 1 septillion = 1,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 (24 zeros)

You and I...

are individuals out of 100 billion people who have ever lived

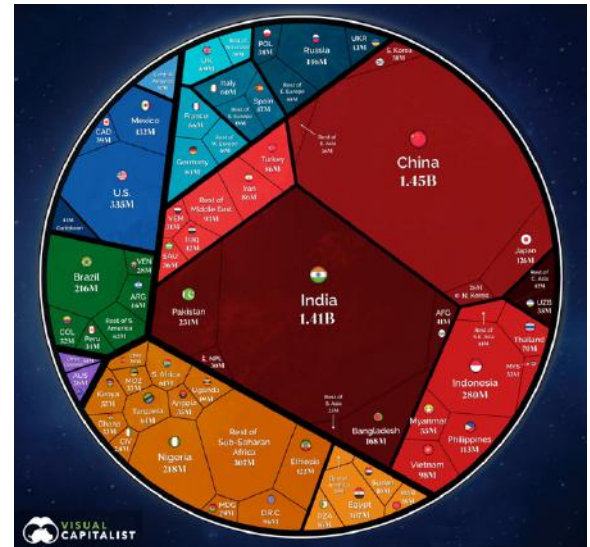
On our tiny planet next to our average star

Which is one of 1 septillion stars in the universe...

And the stars are the works of God’s fingers...

People have zero significance in the vastness of the universe

There is no reason God should care about us



- 5-8: God made humans rulers over creation
- 2: God chooses to use the lowly among lowly people to show His glory

Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. But **God chose the foolish things** of the world to shame the wise; **God chose the weak things** of the world to shame the strong. **God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things**—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, so that no one may boast before him. It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. Therefore, as it is written: “**Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.**” *1 Corinthians 1:26-31*

- 9: God is glorious in giving tiny humans the place of highest honor in Him

## Big Idea

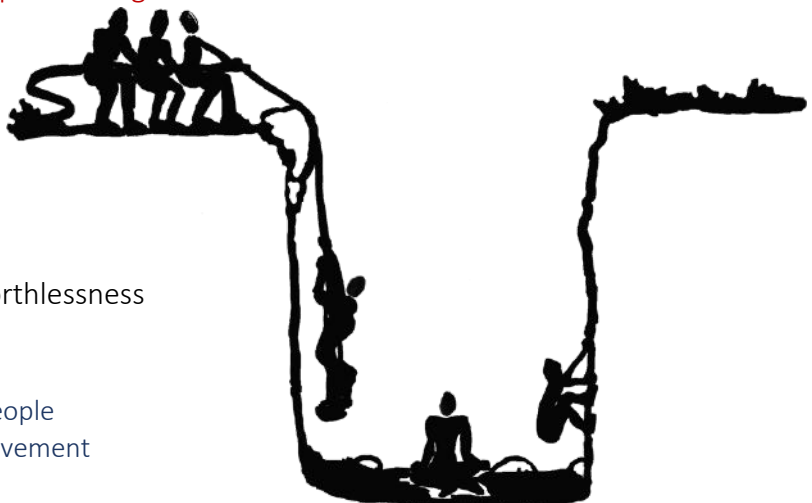
True joy and meaning and identity  
are only found in being known and loved  
by God in Jesus **for His glory**

Imagine being trapped in a deep pit of worthlessness

We long to matter!

So what do we do?

- We can seek meaning through other people
- We can seek meaning in personal achievement
- We can seek meaning within ourselves
- But we can never gain what we seek from people who don’t have what we need



## Invitation to know the love of God

...you have come to know God, or rather **to be known by God**... Galatians 4:9

But from everlasting to everlasting **the Lord's love is with those who fear him**, and his righteousness with their children's children—Psalm 103:17

## Application

### Find our meaning and identity in God

The dignity of humans is a gift from God

It comes through a relationship with Him

The weakest are stronger than God's enemies when they worship Him and praise His name

Paul: What I once thought gain is now loss, compared to knowing Jesus

Where do you look for meaning and significance?

What do you fear losing (or not getting) the most?

Empty your hands in order to cling to Jesus!

This gives joy and rest, even as we work

## Jesus' invitation

And he said: "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

Matthew 18:3

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## Reflection Questions for later today or this week...

1. Where do you tend to look for personal meaning and significance?
2. What do you fear losing (or not getting) the most?
3. A great joy of being a Christian is being known and loved by God whose glory is beyond all else, yet Christians are also people who often live with stress and burden. How can that happen?
4. What does it mean that God uses the mouths of infants and babies to establish a stronghold against His enemies? How does He do that?
5. What does it look like for you to find your joy in God's glory?

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## Conversation Starters

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