

Rolling Hills Community Church

“Wildest Dreams: Imagine. Believe. Build.”

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Everything Comes from God

*God can do anything, you know—far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in **your wildest dreams!** He does it not by pushing us around but by working within us, his Spirit deeply and gently within us.*

Glory to God in the church!

Glory to God in the Messiah, in Jesus!

Glory down all the generations!

Glory through all millennia! Oh, yes!

Ephesians 3:20-21 (MSG)

1 Chronicles 29:10-20

“David praised the Lord in the presence of the whole assembly, saying,

‘Praise be to you, O Lord, God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

*Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.’” **Vs. 10-13***

Recognition of the Sovereignty of God - Everything is His, and He is Lord over all!

*“But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand.” **Vs. 14***

The humility and the joy that we experience as God allows us to be a part of His plan!

*“We are aliens and strangers in your sight, as were all our forefathers. Our days on earth are like a shadow, without hope.” **Vs. 15***

The brevity of life and what will last is only what we invest for the glory of our God!
*O Lord our God, as for all this abundance that we have provided for building you a temple for your Holy Name, it comes from your hand, and all of it belongs to you.” **Vs. 16***

As CS Lewis describes a young child asking his dad for money in order to buy his dad a birthday present.

*“I know, my God that you test the heart and are pleased with integrity. All these things have I given willingly and with honest intent. And now I have seen with joy how willingly your people who are here have given to you.” **Vs. 17***

God not only looks at what we give, but He looks at our hearts in the process.

*“O Lord, God of our fathers Abraham, Isaac and Israel, keep this desire in the hearts of your people forever, and keep their hearts loyal to you.” **Vs. 18***

David asks God to protect his people from anything taking God’s place in their lives

*“And give my son Solomon the wholehearted devotion to keep your commands, requirements and decrees and to do everything to build the palatial structure for which I have provided.” **Vs.***

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This is a long journey, and we must always keep wholehearted devotion to God’s call.

“Then David said to the whole assembly, ‘Praise the Lord your God.’ So they all praised the Lord, the God of their fathers: they bowed low and fell prostrate before the Lord and the king.”

Vs. 20

True heart-felt giving results in praise, glory and honor to our God!