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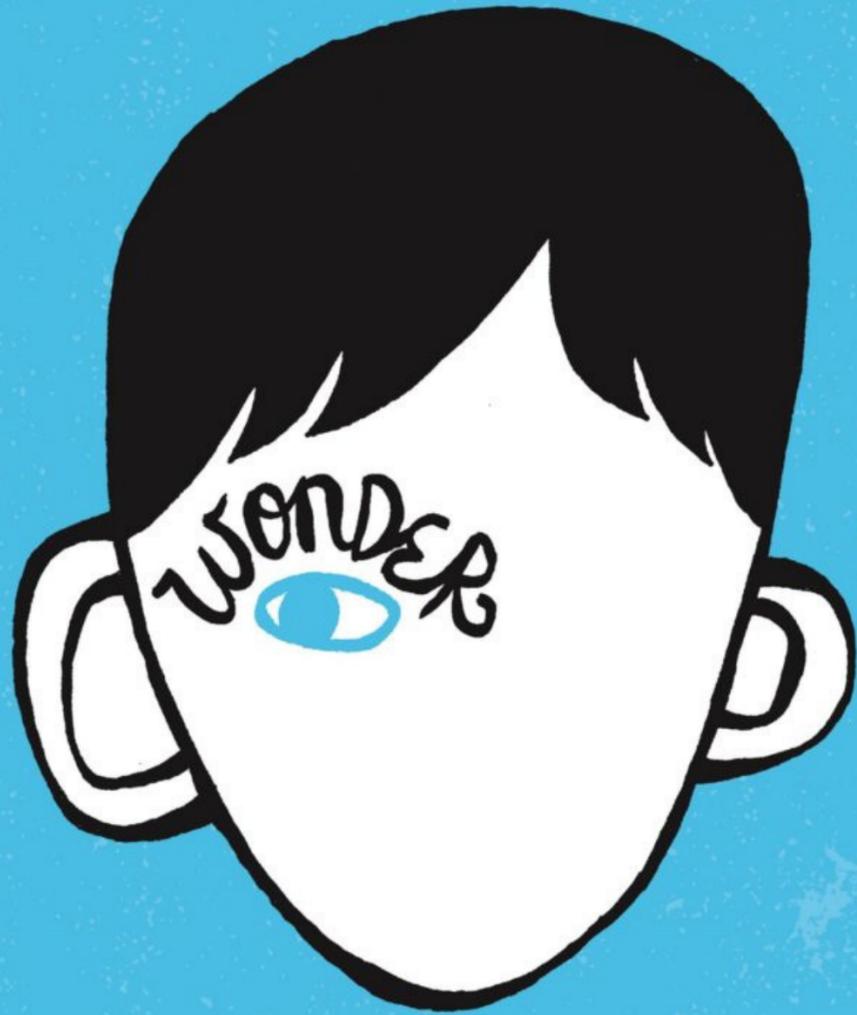
# GAZE

Cultivating a Hermeneutic of Adoration





You can't blend in  
when you were born to stand out.



R. J. Palacio

Choose kind.

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**"Greatness lies not in being strong, but in the right using of strength. He or she is the greatest whose strength carries up the most hearts by the attraction of his own."**

***- Henry Ward Beecher***



**"Be kind, for everyone is fighting a hard battle. And if you really want to see what people are, all you have to do is look."**

***- August Pullman***

**“One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek Him in His temple...”**

***- Psalm 27:4***

**To GAZE at God will require a change to the way  
we see, a change to the way we trust, and a  
change to the way we live**

**“Like a gold ring in a pig’s snout is a beautiful woman who shows no discretion.”**

***- Proverbs 11:22***

**One of the things you  
accomplish by gazing at God is you get very  
good at identifying counterfeits**

**The way you'll know you are growing in Christian maturity is that you can discern true beauty and are less distracted by the superficial**

## ***Matthew 7:13-14***

**“Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it...”**

## ***Matthew 7:17-20***

**Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them...**

## ***Matthew 7:24-27***

**“Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash...”**

- **A narrow road that leads to life versus a broad road that leads to destruction**
- **A tree that produces good fruit versus a tree that produces bad fruit**
- **A house wisely built on rock versus a house foolishly built on sand**
- **2 paths, 2 trees, 2 houses**

**One of the biggest obstacles to gazing at God and seeing His beauty is that it requires us to stop looking at ourselves.**

**Trusting in ourselves always leads to destructive paths, poisonous fruit, and life collapses.**

**To GAZE at God is not  
for His benefit**

**It's for us**

## ***Luke 2:41-45***

**"Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up to the festival, according to the custom. After the festival was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him."**

## ***Luke 2:46-48***

**"After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you."**

## ***Luke 2:49-51***

**"Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he was saying to them. Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart."**

**They lose Jesus because of the busyness of life...**

- They began looking for him among their relatives and friends**
- They go back to the last place they knew they had Him**
- They find Jesus in the temple**

**“Didn’t you know I had to  
be in my Father’s house?”**

**To Gaze at God is to work out  
this astonishing reality that  
He's making His home in you**

