

MISSIONARY STORIES

REAL STORIES ABOUT SPREADING GOD'S WORD

The Night God's Glory Filled the Room!

THIS STORY IS ABOUT: GOD'S GLORY AND PRESENCE

BIG IDEA

When God's people obey Him, His presence can fill a whole room with glory! God loves to come close to those who love and obey Him.

THE STORY

In a city called Indianapolis, there was a preacher named G.T. Haywood and a church full of people who loved God. Their church was called Christ Temple.

G.T. Haywood and his whole congregation had done something wonderful. They had all been baptized in the name of Jesus, just like the Bible says. They wanted to follow God exactly the right way.

After that, God began to move in their church in powerful ways. The people could feel that something special was happening. God was very near!

Then came one unforgettable night. As the people worshiped and prayed, the glory of God came down and filled the whole building. It was so strong and so wonderful that people could hardly even stand up!



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THE STORY CONTINUES

Imagine it! God's presence was so real and so heavy with glory that the people felt wrapped up in His love. It was like the whole room was full of Heaven.

On that amazing night, sick people were healed. And many, many people received the gift of the Holy Ghost, filling their hearts with God's Spirit!

Brother Haywood never forgot that night. He believed God was showing everyone that the truth about Jesus and baptism in His name was exactly right. God was saying yes with His glory!

People who were there that night talked about it for years and years.

They could never forget how close and how powerful God had been. It became one of the most famous nights in their church's whole history.

G.T. Haywood went on to write songs and books and preach all over, but that glorious night stayed in his heart forever.

And here is the best part: the same God who filled Christ Temple with glory still wants to come close to YOU when you worship Him!



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DID YOU KNOW?

- G.T. Haywood was a real preacher whose church, Christ Temple, was in Indianapolis, Indiana!
- Haywood and his whole congregation were baptized in the name of Jesus together.
- G.T. Haywood was also a songwriter who wrote beautiful hymns that people still sing in church today!
- A book about his life was written by Morris E. Golder, called 'The Life and Works of Bishop G.T. Haywood.'

MEMORY VERSE

“And the house was filled with a cloud, even the house of the LORD; So that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud: for the glory of the LORD had filled the house of God.” 2 Chronicles 5:13-14

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

1. What special thing had G.T. Haywood and his whole church done before God's glory fell?
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- 2 What happened on that unforgettable night at Christ Temple?

- 3 The word 'glory' means God's wonderful, shining presence. Why do you think people couldn't even stand up?

- 4 Haywood believed God's glory was His way of saying 'yes, this is true.' How does God show us He is near today?

- 5 When you worship and sing to God, how can you make room in your heart for His presence to come close?

LET'S PRAY

Dear God, thank You for being so close to those who love You. We want Your wonderful presence to fill our hearts and our church, just like long ago at Christ Temple. Fill me with Your Holy Spirit, and help me worship You with all my heart. In Jesus' name, Amen.

TRY THIS!

Fill the Room! As a class or family, sing your favorite worship song together with all your heart. Then talk about how God loves to come close when we praise Him. Make a 'cloud of glory' craft by gluing cotton balls onto blue paper and writing 'God's Glory Fills This Place' on it to hang up!

