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DISCUSS

- I. Some people were changed when they saw God's love and mercy, others were changed when they saw God's power. Ezekiel, the prophet, was changed when he saw God's glory. Share an experience or a realization that has changed the way you live your life.
- 2. Wheels mean constant motion, progress, movement. It represents God's constant mighty works in heaven and on earth—His work, will, and ways. Read Ezekiel 1:15-20 and discuss the following observations about Ezekiel's vision of flying wheels:

Wheels extend to earth (v. 15)

God is actively connected to the affairs on earth. God is not distant from us. He is caring for us and is infinitely approachable. What are some common reasons why some people think that God does not care about the affairs of our lives? What hinders you from approaching God?

Wheels within another wheel (v. 16-17)

God's work may look complicated and incomprehensible and yet it always moves forward, it has no need to go back or turn around and it is always for God's glory. Take a moment to think about what God is doing in where you are right now. How can you take an active part in it?

Wheels full of eyes (v. 18)

Eyes mean wisdom and intelligence. God is all powerful, all knowing, and present everywhere at the same time in our life. God's presence is the basis for us to confidently face everyday of our lives. How does it encourage you to know that God sees and knows everything?

Angels go with the wheels (v. 19)

God's work and God's angel follow each other. When we do God's work at home, at church, at the community, angels go with you. You may feel lonely but you are not alone because God is with you. What does doing God's work look like in your life? What fears do you face in doing it? What do you know about angels and how does it align with what Scripture says about them? How does knowing what Scripture says about angels affect how you do God's work?

The Holy Spirit is in the wheels (v. 20)

Everything is working according to the power of the Holy Spirit. God is working through the Holy Spirit. Have you ever asked the Holy Spirit to work in your life? What in your life are you allowing the Holy Spirit to work on?

REFLECT

Our message this week not only reminded us that God's work, will, and ways are constant but that we also ought to participate in what God is doing and align our lives according to His plans. As we start a new day, let us reaffirm our commitment to live for the Lord and to rely on Him consciously knowing that He is at work all the time.

PRAY

Our gracious and loving heavenly Father, we thank you for reminding us of our constant work in our lives. Empower us to live according to Your will and ways and help us accomplish our tasks here on earth. Blessed us daily, O Lord. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.