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One day I was outside on my deck enjoying the quiet when suddenly, two fighter jets flew overhead at a *very* low altitude. Their roar was deafening. Everything around me shook violently. Now I surmised the two massive military jets were part of the game opener at a nearby football stadium, so I wasn't overly alarmed. Even so, I was overwhelmed by their sound and speed. By their sheer power!

Suddenly, tears welled up in my eyes and I got a lump in my throat. Now I admit to having a soft spot for our military, but this went far deeper. It was if God himself whispered to me, "You need not fear anything, for I AM far stronger than these mighty, fighter jets."

This verse suddenly came to mind: "Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh. Is there *anything* too hard for Me?" (Jeremiah 32:27 NKJV).

The word *behold* means "to see or to gaze upon." It dawned on me that *beholding* is connected to thankfulness. If I want to develop a thankful heart, I need to spend time "beholding" God. Simply put, I need to "gaze upon Him."

Those fighter jets were so close I could easily behold their power. In much the same way, the closer I get to God, the better I can behold His awesomeness.

Friend, are you awestruck by God? By His Word? As my prayer partner often reminds me, "We should "glance at our problems, but gaze on God's promises."

We need to draw near to God each day. Reflect on the many promises in His Word. When we truly behold His glory, we will find that fear, discouragement, and hopelessness flee. Then our hearts will swell with thankfulness to our glorious Lord!

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