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RE- FLECTING GOD

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Psalm 131

One of the great scenes in the film *Amazing Grace* comes when William Wilberforce goes to visit his mentor, parish pastor John Newton. Newton had been a financially successful slave ship captain and trader. After Newton meets Jesus as Savior, his life begins to change as God begins to grow him into a new creation in Christ. Along the way, he pens a poem that becomes his gift to the church in every age, the hymn "Amazing Grace."

When Wilberforce meets Newton on this trip, he finds Newton now content to mop the floors of a small church and stable. Wilberforce asks the one-time slave trader if the battle he had been waging in Parliament to end the slave trade in the British Empire was worth it. Newton's answer was essentially an encouragement to find contentment in God's plan for his life, and then with all the energy he had, to do what God had called him to do. The contentment found in being in the center of God's will is the catalyst to fulfill God's great plan for his life. God will bless that same contentment in our lives as well.

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