

## SEEING IS BELIEVING AND BELIEVING IS SEEING

There is more going on than I know or can see

There are no coincidences but there are a lot of God-incidences!

*Without faith, it is impossible to please God. Hebrews 11:6*

*One day Moses was tending the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian. He led the flock far into the wilderness and came to Sinai, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a blazing fire from the middle of a bush. Moses stared in amazement. Though the bush was engulfed in flames, it didn't burn up. "This is amazing," Moses said to himself. "Why isn't that bush burning up? I must go see it." When the Lord saw Moses coming to take a closer look, God called to him from the middle of the bush, "Moses! Moses!" "Here I am!" Moses replied. "Do not come any closer," the Lord warned. "Take off your sandals, for you are standing on holy ground. I am the God of your father - the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." When Moses heard this, he covered his face because he was afraid to look at God. Exodus 3:1-6*

*Moses told the people, "Don't be afraid. Just stand still and watch the Lord rescue you today. The Egyptians you see today will never be seen again. The Lord himself will fight for you. Just stay calm. Exodus 14:13-14*

*A deaf man with a speech impediment was brought to him, and the people begged Jesus to lay his hands on the man to heal him. Jesus led him away from the crowd so they could be alone. He put his fingers into the man's ears. Then, spitting on his own fingers, he touched the man's tongue. Looking up to heaven, he sighed and said, "Ephphatha," which means, "Be opened!" Instantly the man could hear perfectly, and his tongue was freed so he could speak plainly! Mark 7:32-37*

*When they arrived at Bethsaida, some people brought a blind man to Jesus, and they begged him to touch the man and heal him. Jesus took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the village. Then, here He goes again, spitting on the man's eyes, he laid his hands on him... Mark 8:22-23*

*A man named Lazarus was sick. He lived in Bethany with his sisters, Mary and Martha. This is the Mary who later poured the expensive perfume on the Lord's feet and wiped them with her hair. Her brother, Lazarus, was sick. So the two sisters sent a message to Jesus telling him, "Lord, your dear friend is very sick." But when Jesus heard about it he said, "Lazarus's sickness will not end in death. No, it happened for the glory of God so that the Son of God will receive glory from this." John 11:1-4*

There are always two very different stories going on in your life

From God's perspective: He knows the perfect time for everything. He knows the perfect way to answer our prayers. He knows exactly when and what we need.

Faith is trusting this when: You don't know what to do. You don't have the answers. When you can't see a way out of it or a way through it.

*As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. "Rabbi," his disciples asked him, "why was this man born blind? Was it because of his own sins or his parents' sins?"*

*"It was not because of his sins or his parents' sins," Jesus answered. "This happened so the power of God could be seen in him. Then he spit on the ground, made mud with the saliva, and spread the mud over the blind man's eyes. **John 9:1-3***

**Spiritually mature people learn to live with \_\_\_\_\_ until God gives**

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*We don't yet see things clearly. We're squinting in a fog, peering through a mist. But it won't be long before the weather clears and the sun shines bright! We'll see it all then, see it all as clearly as God sees us, knowing him directly just as he knows us! **1 Corinthians 13:12***

**The battles I face in life have less to do with what I \_\_\_\_\_ than I thought**

*For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places. **Ephesians 6:12***

**Living only in the physical world leaves me empty and discouraged. Believing there is more going on than I know or can see \_\_\_\_\_.**

*No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him. **1 Corinthians 2:9***