

Light In The Darkness

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Everyone faces a time in their life when darkness appears all around them. A time when they feel despair and often ask the question, “Why?” “Why did this child die?” “Why can’t I have children?” “Why did this marriage end in divorce?” “Why?” “Why?” “Why?”

Instead of asking “why”, maybe we should start asking “how.” That is, “how do we react when the lights go out?”

Isaiah 50:10 tells us about someone who fears God, but instead of walking in the light, this person is walking in darkness. *“Who is among you that feareth the Lord, that obeyeth the voice of His servant, that walketh in darkness, and hath no light? Let him trust in the name of the Lord, and stay upon his God.”*

Many people believe that Christians never face darkness; that life is filled with blessings and there is no sickness nor sorrows. This is a very distorted view of a Christian life. It would be nice if this was true, but the opposite usually is. Christians face darkness just like everyone else, but God uses that darkness.

When do most people grow the most spiritually? Is it when everything is going good or when you are troubled, facing difficulties and heartaches? Faith, like film, is developed in the dark. It was once said, “Never doubt in the dark what you’ve learned in the light.” Your faith, which was born in the light, grows in the dark. How? Isaiah gives us two instructions on how your faith grows in the dark: to trust and to stay.

- **Trust in the name of the Lord.** Warren Wiersbe said, “We live by promises, not by explanations.” Never demand that God explain things to you. Because something doesn’t make sense to you doesn’t mean it doesn’t make sense. And just because it doesn’t make sense to you now, doesn’t mean it won’t make sense to you later on. Just trust in the Lord. If you’re praying when darkness come, continue to pray; even if you don’t feel like it. Always look to the Lord.
- **Stay upon his God.** The word “stay” comes from the Hebrew word “shaan” (shaw-an’) meaning to “lean on, trust in, support.” As the shepherd leans on his staff, you must lean on God. When in the dark, you don’t need an explanation; you need God. It is always better to be in a dark valley leaning on God than to be on a sunlit mountain peak without Him. We may not know why so that we may know Who.

We also read in Isaiah 45:3, *“...I will give thee the treasures of darkness...”* Treasures of darkness? Think of that. There are treasures to be found in darkness. In other words, there are things that can be seen in the dark that cannot be seen in the light.

How many times have you said, "There are stars out tonight." Stars are not only out at night but they are also out during the day. They do not go away during daylight you just don't see them. You can only see them at night.

Also we can see at night things that are far away. During the day, we see things more clearly and we think our brightest thoughts, but it is in the darkness that we think our deepest thoughts.

Isaiah 50:4 states, "*The Lord God hath given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary: He wakeneth morning by morning, He wakeneth mine ear to hear as the learned.*" We learn here that the sun will rise again; you will not always be in darkness. When we do experience darkness, God uses that darkness, but it won't last forever! God will wake you in the morning. And when you come out of the darkness, you will know things that other people do not know. You will awaken with the tongue of the learned.

Psalms 30:5 says, "*For His anger endureth but a moment; in His favor is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.*" How beautiful and wonderful is that? You might wet your pillow at night with your tears, but joy will come in the morning. God will open the blinds and let the sun shine in. But until that day comes, rest in your Father's care.

A father and a little girl came home from the funeral of their wife and mother. The little girl asked, "Daddy, can I sleep with you tonight?" He was glad because he didn't want to be in that lonely bed by himself. She came to lie down by her daddy, and he turned out the light. She said, "Daddy, it is so dark. Daddy, have you ever seen it this dark before? Daddy, it's so dark, I can't even see you. Daddy, is your face toward me?" The father said, "Yes sweetheart, my face is toward you." She said, "I'm glad to know it, Daddy. Goodnight, Daddy." And she went off to sleep. Then, that big man crawled out of bed, got on his knees, and spoke to his heavenly Father and said, "Father, it is dark, so dark. Father, I've never seen it this dark before. Father, is Your face toward me?" And from heaven, God said, "Yes My son, My face is toward you." The man said, "Then goodnight, Father, I'm going to sleep."

In your deepest, darkest sorrow, the eyes of your heavenly Father are upon you. Trust Him and find the light in your darkness.