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editor's note

I stepped outside this evening and saw an amazing sight, on one end of the sky a bright full moon and on the other end the sunset painting the skyline. It was truly magnificent as the sky lit up with colour.

As I pondered on this beauty, I realized many people are currently in this place. A place where one season is just about ending and another is just about to begin.

I thought about the difficulty of this place. The tension of being found in the "middle" of two seasons. Although necessary, it often causes us great discomfort and frustration.

However, if you take the time to stop and reflect on the season that is about to come to a close, you will find the hand of God; His goodness and faithfulness. And as you await the next season, do so with a divine anticipation for the "colourful" future that lies ahead.

Be encouraged friend, although at times you may feel like a "taut rope", stretched thinly, understand your transition time will not be for too long. There is a beauty in what God is building in and through you, just take the time to stop and stare at His FAITHFULNESS.

Great grace to you.

SHAMON LORTAN

A black and white photograph of a person from behind, wearing a dark jacket and a plaid backpack. They are standing on a paved road with white double lines, looking towards a field with trees in the distance. The sky is bright and overcast.

Regardless of your past,
darling one,
remember that God is
watching over your
future.

LISA BEVERE



WHO DO YOU FOLLOW?

By Tom and Teesh

I am amazed at how vast the world of social media is and how it's constantly evolving to match our hunger for more information, connection and significance.

We get to 'know' other by following them. We spend valuable time consuming content that we then ponder over, wish for, or try to imitate.



All you need is some vague form of interest in a topic or person, and then following them means you get insight into their life (or whatever part of it they want to show) giving us this sense of 'knowing' someone or something.

I listened to a podcast recently, where they said that following someone on social media gives us a God-like sense of power. Knowledge about someone's life that we wouldn't have otherwise (omniscience), also the ability to feel like we are elsewhere by viewing their private life, house, room, etc. a sense of being in another place (omnipresence). We have an element of control over our lives by choosing who we follow, because unknowingly (or maybe knowingly) social media has a huge and lasting impact on us.

There's no doubt there are some very interesting, useful and inspiring reels, posts and stories, but if we are honest, there is also a large proportion of them that give a false sense of reality, expectation and significance.

To me, the extent of accessibility to social media is a scary thing. And as my kids grow up, I am dreading this world they will enter. So the question begs - **Who do you follow? Who is affecting your life?**

I'm reminded of the story in the Bible of when Moses is on the mountain top with God and the Israelites ask Aaron to make them a God.



EXODUS 32:1

"WHEN THE PEOPLE SAW THAT MOSES DELAYED TO COME DOWN FROM THE MOUNTAIN, THE PEOPLE GATHERED THEMSELVES TOGETHER TO AARON AND SAID TO HIM, "UP, MAKE US GODS WHO SHALL GO BEFORE US. AS FOR THIS MOSES, THE MAN WHO BROUGHT US UP OUT OF THE LAND OF EGYPT, WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT HAS BECOME OF HIM."

Moses, the one who represented and presented the voice of God to them, essentially the one they followed, had been gone a while and they were getting a bit restless. They didn't know what to do, they weren't getting what they wanted or when they wanted it. They didn't have any control. So they created a golden calf to worship. Something created by man, something they could see, something they could look at and worship for its beauty, something they could understand.

Sometimes our response to God can be similar. **When we don't understand Him, when He doesn't act in our 'perfect' time, when we can't audibly hear Him or visibly see Him, do we turn to something else?** We often put our time, effort and 'worship' into something else, often social media. We can 'see' it better, we can tailor it to suit us, by following who and what makes us feel a certain way, and we can control it.

Habakkuk, a prophet in the old testament, battles with God's lack of action towards His people's sin and then he is baffled by God's decision to use their enemies against them!

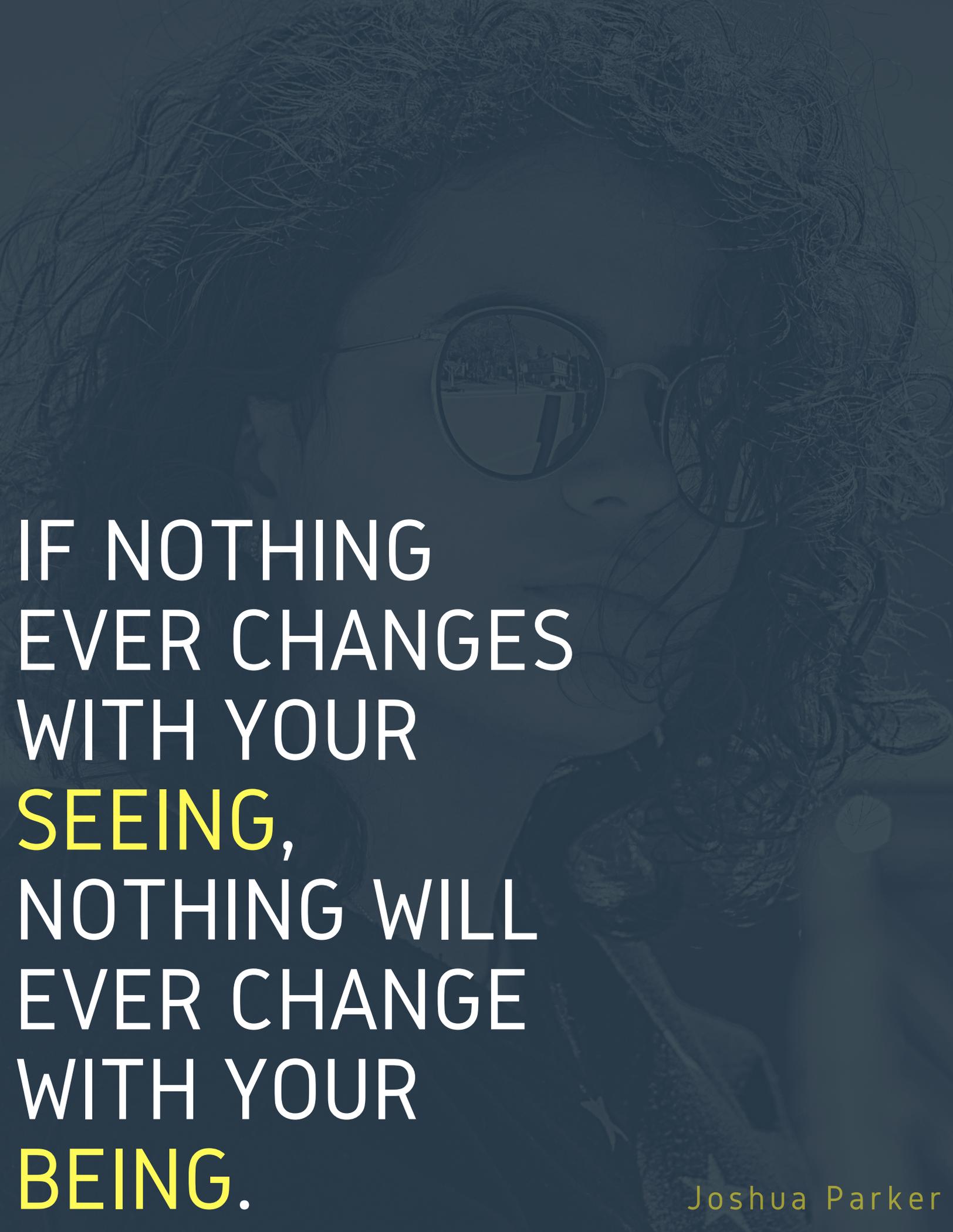
But despite this lack of understanding, Habakkuk, in chapter 3, shows us how his eventual response towards God is one of trust and joy in God.

Let's be encouraged by what he says in verses 17-18 "Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, **yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior."**

Habakkuk shows us that even when we don't understand, even when we have questioned His timing or His actions, even when we feel despair and things seem to be going wrong, eventually, our response should be one of praise, adoration and recognition of His sovereignty.

Let's not 'follow' anyone on social media, the way we are meant to follow God - with implicit trust, adoration and submission.





IF NOTHING
EVER CHANGES
WITH YOUR
SEEING,
NOTHING WILL
EVER CHANGE
WITH YOUR
BEING.

Joshua Parker

JRever Testimony

WATER BAPTISM

Many years ago, I called on Jesus Christ as my Lord and Saviour. For reasons that I could not explain I would pull back from water baptism. I would seek The Lord to find answers that I later realized I was not spiritually ready for. The battle was in my mind. I was dealing with years of hurt, unforgiveness, rejection and abuse. I knew in my heart the importance and purpose of water baptism. This, I had to do in order to be obedient to Christ. Jesus himself was baptised. He was not a sinner, yet He humbled himself in obedience in order to identify with us and give us an example or pattern. It is an act of faith. It is a final command from Jesus for us to be baptized as disciples and to baptize others to make them disciples. There is nothing stopping us from doing the right thing and obeying His command. We do not save ourselves; God saves us through the work of Christ. It is a public declaration of the work our Lord has already accomplished within us. We bury the old life and we rise to walk in a new life. I was baptized on 10 October 2021.

By Dawn Anderson



Neogenesis

For more information on the importance of water baptism, check out the Neogenesis Series:

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**"Hurting people
hurt people..."**

**HEALED people
HEAL people"**

Randolph Barnwell

Operating in the Kingdom

- By Pr. Wilfred
Faleiro

God rightfully wants to rule over the earth, as He is the true owner of everything, including everyone. He does this by setting up His kingdom, i.e. His rule in the hearts and minds of man.

His kingdom is spiritual, not natural. He rules by filling people with His own Spirit and lovingly guides them in every decision they take. God has given us a great heavenly invitation - be part of my kingdom and rule with me as sons on the earth. Through this kingdom, he wants to spread His love all over the earth.

We are kingdom citizens, as our citizenship is in heaven. God has given us a role and responsibility in this kingdom - **To Live by its high standards and expand it on the earth.**

God has planned His kingdom expansion on the earth by raising us up as priests and kings to rule with Him eternally.

Our role in the kingdom on the earth can be understood by understanding the ministry of the priest. The priests of God are the ones who continually offer spiritual sacrifices unto God. Jesus has anointed us and appointed us as priests to be a blessing to people by serving them. The service we do - at home, at work, at church etc. - with a willing and joyful heart pleases the Father.

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving." (Col 3:23-24)

We are planted in the lives of specific people to serve them unselfishly. Serving people with the love of Christ causes our kingdom LIGHT to shine among men, glorifying the Father.

When we serve people expecting the reward from God, we don't get bitter if we are not thanked or appreciated, because we did it unto the Lord.

All Christians are anointed servants of God, not just select people. God is looking for servants, who he delights in, to prosper and promote to a higher level of responsibility.

May you become that servant of God, who God can trust and entrust great kingdom responsibility.

God Bless You as you serve faithfully in the Kingdom!



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REVELATION 1:6A
NASB

HE MADE US
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PRIESTS TO HIS
GOD AND
FATHER...

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JREVER FEEDBACK

During my course with Jrev, the fundamentals of why we crave something more than what we find in our earthly relationships was an eye-opener for me. I have been committing time to God daily since I started the course and was taught about committing time to God every day. Spending time with God makes me feel ready for the day and closer to my God. The course helped me understand many practices that I took for granted, such as going to church and getting people to hold you accountable for your actions when temptation comes and questions arise. It has definitely given me a deeper understanding of what it truly means to be a Christian.

By Anushka Kadam

PASTOR SHAUN BERU

Divine Sight For This Season

"...Do not be afraid, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them." Then Elisha prayed and said, "O LORD, please open his eyes that he may see." So the LORD opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw..." (2 Kings 6:16-17)

With so much happening in our lives and around the world, there is a need for Divine sight in this season to navigate the 'ebbs and flows' of life. Our spiritual sensors also need to be more heightened, enlightened and activated. (*Ephesians 1:18a*)

There are things that you see through tribulations but there are also things you see by revelation. Internally in our lives and circumstances, we face many trying challenges at high levels (emotionally, financially, etc.), and externally there is an increasing groan upon the earth both natural and man-induced (wars, pandemics, natural disasters etc.). So the question is, 'What is God saying and doing in this season?' And furthermore, 'How do we see what God is doing?' (1 Chronicles 12:32)



DIVINE SIGHT FOR THIS SEASON Continued...



To answer these questions, it is paramount that 'sight' is key to both spiritual and natural discernment. The principle of Divine sight is hinged on your understanding of the times and seasons. Simply put, "Your Perception will determine your Reception and your Reception will determine your Reward". How you see and understand things will be revealed and disclosed with grace and favour from God. (John 14:21) Your perception will determine the degree of both what you see, sight, and how to see, discernment. **So Divine sight needs to be through the lens of faith.** 2 Corinthians 5:7 says "For we walk by faith, not by sight."

In understanding our main text from 2 Kings 6:17-18, we need to first understand the context of the narrative.

Just to paraphrase the story, it's about the king of Syria who was greatly troubled because his plans to attack Israel seemed to get intercepted and Israel always knew they were coming to attack them. This was because the Prophet Elisha had Divine sight.

So he sent out a great army with chariots and horses to kill Elisha. The next day when Elisha and his servant woke up they were surrounded and fear came upon the servant when he saw the great army. Elisha, on the other hand, was calm and confident even after seeing the great army.

It is important to note that both Elisha and the servant woke up to the same thing however they both saw differently. **The servant saw with fear but Elisha saw with victory.**

What and how are you looking at your life and circumstances? Without Divine sight we can easily be overcome and overwhelmed by what is going on in and around us. Ghazi was looking at what he could see in the natural whereas Elisha had spiritual outlook. Spiritual outlook notices the unseen, unheard, and undetected in the natural. So, your spiritual outlook will determine whether you are operating in the spirit of fear or a spirit of power. (2 Timothy 1:7)

Matthew 5:8

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."

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ORDER
TO
MATURE
YOU
HAVE
TO
ENDURE



LUCIAN NAIDOO

JREV UPDATE

***The founder of Jrevolution,
Christine Kunn recently wed
Derick Greyling.***

Congratulations to the beautiful couple! We see God's Faithfulness expressed in your joining. We wait with anticipation for the impact your union will have on so many people. May God's unfathomable grace, love, peace, strength and wisdom abound to you always.

- e-Mag Team

Congratulations to our fearless leader and founder of Jrev and her new husband! Mr. and Mrs. Greyling we pray for a future for you guys that fulfills all Gods plans for you, you both looked absolutely stunning.

**- Michelle Potgieter, Jrev
Director of Operations**

Congratulations Derick and Chrissie. Was such a privilege watching your special day. God bless both of you and your new family that you've begun. I know God has amazing things in store for the two of you together and can't wait to see how God uses you'll. May you always find peace and grow in love through God. Lots of love.

**- Joanna Hart, Blog
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