

how much of what occurs in our life is God weaving together His masterful plan? i think of the apostle paul in phil 1:23 where he said "that the things which happened to me have actually turned out for the furtherance of the gospel".

we know that God doesn't put bad things on His people either to teach them a lesson or to promote His gospel. it is the devil alone that seeks to torment and destroy His chosen ones. but God has promised to work out all things for our good and His glory.

not that i would in anyway equate myself with paul but i wonder if even now God is turning my situation around to make the devil regret what he has done. just like in the word where it says that the rulers of this age would never have crucified the Lord of glory if they had known the results. 1 cor 2:8

i say that because of a beautiful statement i received from a dear friend in a recent email. i will quote it here verbatim. "Your emails keep me grounded, they make me think about life to a deeper level than superficial. We get stuck in our everyday chores, all week working to help someone else make money. We lose sight of the Lord, his teachings and the world order. Your emails help me with my 5 mins rejoicing life moments for the day." can anyone hope for more than that in their endeavor?

would i have ever begun to write these daily emails except to help inform friends of my progress. friends who were genuinely concerned. the list grew as i was led to include others that might be interested also. i

think not. but our wonderful God can birth something beautiful out of a something tragic. and let all know, anything birthed beautiful here was His doings.

let none of the glory from such any encouragements or conversions rest on me. all the glory for all things we gladly lay at the cross of Jesus Christ. this statement was from a former hindu who has come to know Jesus as his Lord. it is joy unspeakable to serve our Lord and see others come to share in this life we expound. a life not only here and now, but a life for eternity. eternity before a loving God who delights in revealing His glory in us. "so then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase." 1 cor 3:7

our God is more skillful in outwitting the workers of evil now ruling this world. i feel perhaps God has made me a wordsmith. a vessel to help expound His glory and praises. i don't know the number of times i have begun to write with no destination in mind. the precious Holy Spirit gradually brings thoughts to my mind and hopefully the words to express them correctly.

of course, we all being an imperfect vessel, i often times am not perfectly attuned to His promptings. so i now freely confess, whatever is not of glory is flesh. if any offense was ever from anything aught but the word of God, know that it was my flesh interfering. i know the word of God often times offends one unwilling to accept it's truth.

we behold Him now through a glassy darkly, but then face to face. "Verily thou art a God that hidest

thyself". isa 45:15 why? because He desires us to seek Him. those who seek Him with all their hearts will find Him and know His ways which lead to life. but He is always there. enabling us to see through the veil that cloaks His glory. our path was clearly revealed in Jesus. knowing Jesus is knowing God. "he that hath seen me hath seen the Father". john 14:9

none of us can really know the joy that is felt in heaven when even one lost soul is birthed forth. the word says "Likewise, I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents." luke 15:10 likewise i say to you, "there is joy in our hearts when we witness one coming to know the love in Christ Jesus". "Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory". 1 peter 1:8

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