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divine connections

"cornelius the centurion, a just man, one who fears God and has a good reputation among all the nation of the jews, was divinely instructed by a holy angel to summon you to his house, and to hear words from you." act 10:22

have you ever thought that you have been divinely lead? unbelievers may live in a world of "chance" but us who know the Lord, those who walk according to His purpose need to have maintain a belief that nothing happens just by chance to us. we need to see God in every situation because i believe He has a purpose in it. that purpose always being for someone's good and the furtherance of His glory.

i'm not talking simply about vivid dreams and mighty revelations, but the everyday "happenstances" of life. more and more God is revealing to me the hidden purposes He has in even the minutest details. Yes, i believe He is that intricately involved in our goings and comings.

have had someone suddenly appear in your life and it made a dramatic difference; to yourself, to them or perhaps both. i think the important thing is to not let the "chance" meeting or reconnection matter as much as what you understand God's purpose in it to be. "the steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord, and He delights in his way." psa 37:23

God has a purpose and a plan in everything He does. furthermore He is always a step ahead of the enemy. have you ever found yourself saying or doing something and not known why? the prophets of old must have spoken and performed unknown things simply by faith. such could be the intention in your leading, to further your growth while in the process doing a work in another. our human nature tends to make us think everything is about us. the "about" may well be something we will never know in this life.

but i believe and try to walk in acceptance of this scripture: "and we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose." rom 8:28 i know that i am called according to His purpose because He is "not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.": 2 pet 3:9

how does one begin to accept or even explain the wonders of being chosen by God; chosen for a particular purpose in His plan? to be used by God almighty for something unique and marvelous is beyond understanding. i used to have a preacher, when trying to explain being "chosen" he would say, "when He calls and you come, you are chosen." well He i heard His call and i came so i guess i must be chosen. chosen perhaps to deliver this very message to someone.

their hearing and receiving it is not up to me. just as cornelius was called to hear words from a "chosen" one, peter came and shared that word, however reluctantly. God was doing a new thing; an unheard of thing. redemption was to be for gentiles also.

"indeed He says, 'it is too small a thing that You should be My Servant to raise up the tribes of jacob, and to restore the preserved ones of israel; I will also give You as a light to the gentiles, that You should be My salvation to the ends of the earth.'" isa 49:6

i believe He is doing a new thing now. "I will work a work in your days Which you would not believe, though it were told you." hab 1:5 the second advent of Jesus is fast approaching. He shall appear, but not before a seven year time of wrath has been satisfied on all unbelievers, those given over to fully satisfy their lustful appetites.

that wrath has already been satisfied on those who have chosen to believe and trust in Jesus. maybe your next "divine" connection is to help someone know and believe that. perhaps it may be just to refresh or encourage one in what they already know. well i know this, "that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." rom 8:18 how thoughtless and uncaring would one have to be to neglect sharing this with someone. again, how they receive it is up to them.

dare to be bold in the Lord. believe in divine connections and see His hand in everything. Lord, what is Your purpose in this? are you willing to endure a little scoffing or mocking to find out? many are now suffering much more. "a disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. it is enough for a disciple that he be like his teacher, and a servant like his master." matt 10:24-25 your next

divine connection may be just around the corner. make
that connection count!