



What's God Doing Behind Your Back?

Shadows are made by blocking light. Light rays travel from a source in straight lines. If an opaque object gets in the way, it stops some of the light rays traveling through it, and an area of darkness appears behind the object. The dark area is called a shadow. The size and shape of a shadow depend on the position and size of the light source compared to the object.

I'm really enjoying "assembling with the saints" lately. Some people call it Church, it is in fact exciting for me to gather with other believers and testify of what God has done or what He is showing me (us). As I was reminded by a sister in Christ the other day, it's so important for us to 'testify' and share with other believers what in this world GOD is doing!

The Assembly of Saints on Saturday

So, I've been going to two different places of worship every week. One is on Saturday night and one on Sunday morning. I heard a great word from the Lord on Saturday night, a word that both encouraged me and challenged me to do spiritual warfare in private (through prayer) so I can be PRE-PRAYED (my word) when the battle comes in the physical. He used this scripture in Matthew 10:7-8 *"and as you go, preach, saying, 'the Kingdom of heaven is at hand.' Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons; freely you received, freely give."* You know, like instead of just going up to a person in a wheelchair and just praying for them to get up, maybe I need to fight the spiritual warfare in my prayer closet first, get prepared for the BIG battle... like David did with the lion and the bear before he defeated Goliath. No one is implying we never ask God for miracles, we just stay at home and pray, NO, I understood the message that I need to pay more attention to the "prayer factor" when it comes to the supernatural. The way it was said was to fight the battle in private (in prayer and fasting) BEFORE you attempt to fight it in public. Anyway, it's always good to hear things that challenge me to pray more...My M.O. is to jump out and DO without having a good, solid foundation of prayer.

I Want to SEE!

I've always been one of those people who has very much wanted to see the power of God like we see in the Book of Acts. I even told the preacher later that one of my frequent prayers is that my shadow would heal people like Peter's shadow did in Acts 5:14-15

"And all the more believers in the Lord, multitudes of men and women, were constantly added to their number, to such an extent that they even carried the sick out into the streets and laid them on cots and pallets, so that when Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on any one of them."

I have been writing lately, well, things like you're reading now, just stuff the LORD shows me and I write it down. Hoping someone somewhere someday will read it and be encouraged in their faith, and it's also so that I don't forget some of the really awesome things God is doing in my life...which I have a tendency to do, forget.

The Assembly of Saints on Sunday

The gathering I go to on Sunday is unique in that their format is modeled after the scripture in 1 Cor. 14:26. It's unlike anything I've ever experienced as far as "church" goes, and anyone who may have a word or a song, or a teaching or a revelation is free to share it with the group. I'm really liking it because I not only get to share some of the stuff the Lord is showing me, but I get to listen to others and how God is working in their lives as well. Anyway, so I'm in this place on Sunday and we were in Galatians one, talking about "another gospel," and I had recently written **"Mayonnaise Cake & the Gospel,"** which fits perfectly with what is being said, so I ask if I can read it. They (facetiously take a vote:) say, 'go ahead, of course,' so I began. When I finished, one of the women said she felt like she just had a bath! **As I was reading, she felt washed, she had not ever looked at it like that before.** Well, I was amazed, I'm like, "seriously? Praise God!" I guess I had a 'dumbfounded' look on my face, and she said, **'yeah, you just never know how what God has given you will affect others.'**

Mayonnaise Cake & the Gospel is just one of many writings the Lord has given me over the course of the last year and a half. Up until recently I hadn't seen a clear outlet for these writings. Writing is a strange and unusual ministry for me in that it's a 'behind the scenes' type of thing that I'm not used to. Being involved in music ministry for many years, I've mostly been used in the 'public' arena such as: worship leading, evangelistic concerts, etc.; That being said, I guess I wasn't respecting the **'Shadow Ministry.'**

The Shadow Ministry?

I said before that I wanted this to happen in my life, so I'm sitting there thinking about what she said and the scripture about Peter's shadow, and I started to think about the location of the shadow. Where is the shadow if the light is directed straight at an object?

It's BEHIND the object!! Is it possible that Peter didn't even know what was going on behind him? YES, it is very possible that the people were bringing their sick friends and relatives and laying them in his path without Peter ever knowing about it! And what if Peter would've turned around to "SEE" this work of God, then what would have become of his "shadow ministry?" :) Then I thought, what if that has been happening in my life and ministry after all? What if these writings and songs and things ARE ACTUALLY making a difference in people's lives and I don't know, or may never know about it?! What if God has answered my prayer already and I'm just like, 'oh God, use me, please use me...' and God's like, " I AM USING YOU!!! I'm doing all kinds of amazing stuff behind your back!!!"

Signs & Wonders...where are they?

Then I was brought even further down this road and I began to think about signs and wonders.....positionally, where are they? I mean, do they PRECEDE the preaching of the Word? Do they LEAD? NO, they FOLLOW!!! **And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Mk. 16:20**

Don't get me wrong, I'm not about to 'settle' for never seeing these things, I don't even think God wants me to give up on that. I'm just so encouraged to know that I'm making a difference whether I can see it or not. I guess I already knew that, but now I "KNOW" that. My job is to keep my eyes fixed on Jesus; being obedient to those specific 'good works' God has prepared for me beforehand to walk in.. and all for the glory of His Kingdom.

I hope this encourages you in your ministry as well. We are **all** having the exact impact God wants us to have as we diligently seek HIM and are faithful to obey His Word that's specifically to us.

Let's allow the LIGHT of JESUS to shine directly on us, and resist the temptation to look back...it's enough for us to KNOW that God could be doing some really cool "shadow ministry" stuff behind our backs :)

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