



7th Edition  
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### ***Staff Outing***

*This Saturday we are going  
to the place.*

### ***See God***

### ***Newsletter***

A question that I hear a lot from Christians and Non Christians is "Where was God when \_\_\_\_\_" They are asking where was God when that horrible thing happened. Where is God right now as I am going through this situation. There are times when it feels like God is not around and it can be hard to see God.

The reality is that in this life, on this Earth, God is often hard to find. He's difficult to see.

Sometimes we go long periods of time during which God seems absent. We just don't see any signs of Him. In Heaven, we will see His face.

On Earth, sometimes we wonder if He even exists.

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Let me tell you what I mean and what I don't mean by "seeing God" Seeing God is not trying to find a "silver lining" in every storm cloud. I'm not talking about being unrealistically positive, about trying to see the world through rose-colored glasses, or about being naive. See God is not about offering a quick fix to problems. It does not make overly simplistic statements like "everything happens for a reason."

That's not what I mean. Not. AT. All.

Seeing God is about recognizing and embracing what is true and good. See God is about seeing hints of the way it will be and living like that now.

Seeing God is not about frantically trying to find something good in every tragedy; it's about receiving the revelation of God-whatever God wants to reveal-and then living in light of that, calling attention to that. What I mean is that seeing God might not change the past. It might not make current problems go away.

But seeing God will almost always show you the next step you need to take as you move into the future.

We try so hard to find some good part of bad situations that we tie ourselves in knots. I've heard it and so have you. We don't have to stretch and bend broken things in an effort to make them good.

Instead, the invitation is to receive the good God reveals even as brokenness swirls around us.

Death is not good and neither are enemies. So let's stop reaching for some bright side of brokenness and start looking for God.

What do you do when you're in pain, when you're confused, when you're grieved, when you're being mistreated?

I hope you'll courageously face the reality of brokenness and pray to see God.

The most-effective way to fight against darkness is to call attention to the Presence of Light.

Look for God. Pray to see Him now. Point Him out to others and, in so doing, push back the dark.

Seeing God is not easy. Seeing God is often not instant or immediate. But we will see God in Heaven.

And if we're to take Jesus seriously, we should also pray to see Him here on Earth.

As you step into pain and brokenness, may God give you light and clarity.

May you see God.

-Nathan Oates

## **Christian Meme of the week**

\*Goes through a trial\* "God is good, I'm fine"

\*Misses Lunch\*



*This meme was brought to you by Jess Bahr!!!*

*Want to see your meme in the Newsletter? Send them to Edith :)*