

# It's In the Subtle Things

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Have you ever been going somewhere or been doing something and you saw or heard something that at the time was subtle enough but you knew deep down (at the same time) that it bore some importance?

So tonight I was driving home from Cape Coral (a 45 minute drive) and I got to Burnt Store Road – a back road that I take to get home – and there were barricades up. I think my mouth dropped open because I was immediately alarmed – now I have to go all the way around to I-75 to get home!!!!!! I was thinking to myself good Lord when did they do this and why the whole road? Not even one lane was available but the whole road closed!

I snuck through the barricade (oh yes I did) and went as far as I could and then it was completely blocked – so I HAD to turn around at this point and my brain started to immediately think of alternate routes. Then it hit me – knothead! Remember when you were driving this road a week ago and you saw that construction sign that said something about road closures???

I quickly thought of another way around and turned on my GPS so I wouldn't miss any turns and I calculated the length of the construction with which turn I could probably get away with to get further down on Burnt Store Road past the construction. Within 10 minutes, I was back on Burnt Store and headed home again shaking my head to myself the whole way if only I had paid attention to that sign.

I knew at the time that I read it that it had some importance, but I didn't let it gain my full attention. This, my friends is the part where I suggest that we take a minute to let the Lord have our full attention each day. There are things that He needs to show us, things that He wants to point out, whispers He wants us to hear to help us – to make us stronger, to give us insight and to lead us in the right way.

A dear sister friend of mine was saying tonight that when her daughter was in school one time she brought home a ton of math homework and it took them all night to do it. She went to the school the next day and demanded a sit down at which point she said:

When I come from work, I'm no longer at work. When my child comes home from school, she is no longer at school. It's one thing to give them something that will help them retain what they learned earlier in the day but to give them a whole other lesson on top of what they learned is overkill. It gives my child a spirit of defeat.

Friends – God is trying to breathe life into us and give us hope and He doesn't want to weigh us down with more than we can carry – but if we don't hear Him in the quiet moments, find Him in the stillness – ask Him when we catch a subtle detail – we may find ourselves detoured, or barricaded or bogged down with unnecessary loads. Sometimes, the culprit is our own self! God is faithful to see us through and lead us back to the right place.

We hear You Lord and we ask for You to quiet our spirits and minds each time we wake up – and each time there is something You want to share – so that we can retain the lessons You have for us and get to know Your gentle, loving ways.

**Matthew 11:29 - Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.**

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