

Opportunity

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God is the Creator of the Universe. He seizes the right time for everything and as Gina said yesterday – He is good – so when He creates an opportunity for us, it is in our best interest to be attentive to His calling so that we can see His goodness in operation.

Through the course of our lifetime, we will have many opportunities to be an extension of all that God is to a lost and more and more evil by the minute world. God continues to remind me personally that He desires my attention a lot more in certain matters. To not be so eager to trust my husband or the paycheck, because God is greater and His love is deeper than both.

Now I'm not saying we shouldn't trust our husbands, not at all! We need to trust them, but we need to trust God more. I'm not saying that we shouldn't rely on our paychecks, but I'm saying we should rely on God more. How do we do that? By seeking His presence... that's what He told me this past weekend. Say it with me again "Faith IS A REQUIREMENT."

Colossians 2:6–7 – You received Christ Jesus the Lord, so continue to live as Christ's people.

⁷ Sink your roots in him and build on him. Be strengthened by the faith that you were taught, and overflow with thanksgiving.

I've been going through some really big tests lately. I've been prophesied over that BIG things were going to start happening... and boy.... have big things started to happen... I'm not sure of the reasons why some of the things are being allowed, because, frankly, they aren't pretty – but what I felt in my spirit more than anything else is – how bad I didn't want to mess this up and how bad I really wanted to please the Father.

At this point, Holy Spirit showed up and covered me and from His presence, (I knew the prayers of my friends and family were probably a HUGE factor in this experience) I drew deeply and my spirit man rose up and I realized I needed to ask God to show me or tell me how to use this opportunity to show His grace – because that's the first thing that came to me – His grace is sufficient.

He gave me an opportunity to react and I'm so THANKFUL that I responded the way I did... I don't always get it right... but praise God I'm learning!

I worshipped Him, I asked and I asked – what does grace look like here Lord? Finally I heard.

Grace is found in My presence. Ask for My presence.

I thought... of course! Everything is clearer, deeper, more unified, more loving, more whole, more peaceful, and full of grace in His presence – so I used my opportunity. I was asked to lead at an event over the weekend and I threw myself into it and worshipped until His presence came and AS SOON as His presence fell on the people... the answers started to come....it was like I immediately knew what I needed to do, I praised Him for the answers – I praised Him for His confirmations which came one after one and at the end of the meeting, Gary and I talked about His presence and how He answered our questions within His presence and Gary, who is the head of the family, agreed with the decision that I felt God gave. (I'd like to say that we agree about everything, but we don't always!) I was reminded again of Moses asking to see God and God never denied Moses the opportunity to be close to HIM.

Friends, God will NEVER deny you. He will never stop giving you opportunities to see His goodness and to make a difference in your life and in the lives of those around you. He will never deny you His presence, He will never deny His love for you and He will never deny that He created you for such an opportunity as this – to lift up your head and see His glory – to know that you carry His presence with you everywhere you go and wow – what an opportunity to just go anywhere and know He IS. Is what? – You fill in the blanks for what He is to you!! I've already said enough!! ☺ Praise our God of opportunities!!

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