

BEAUTY IN DARKNESS

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(Job 42:4-6)

You may be thinking, how can there be beauty in darkness? The same way opposites attract is the same way your mess can become a message.

The same way an opportunity can be attained in chaos is the same way there can be beauty in darkness. There is **NOTHING** good about darkness. However, there is something good **PRODUCED** from darkness.

In your darkest moment your faith will shine the brightest. In your blindest state your imagination will radiate the most. In dark moments your influence will be highly effective. In times of loneliness you will hear God's voice the loudest.

WHAT DOES DARKNESS REPRESENT?

Darkness represents the **UNKNOWN** and **UNFAMILIAR**. It is very scary to go through dark times because it leaves you **VULNERABLE** to the things you **CANNOT** control.

HERE'S WHAT I MEAN:

- Being diagnosed with an incurable disease will put you in a dark place.
- Divorcing a love one will put you in a dark place.
- Losing a child to senseless violence will put you in a dark place.
- Losing your job will put you in a dark place.

When you find yourself in a dark place it is very hard to see the beauty that can come from it. It is hard to see goodness when everything happening **AROUND** you reflects tragedy, pain and hardship. Nothing beautiful takes place in darkness. However, there is something beautiful that takes place **WITHIN YOU** in darkness!

The beauty is not the first thing you will see. It is the **LAST** thing you will see. When you study the book of Job you will discover how God **ALLOWED** Satan to attack Job.

The **FIRST** thing Job saw during the beginning of his attack was pain, chaos, confusion, tragedy and loss. He **DID NOT** see the purpose of the attack in the beginning. He **DID NOT** see the glory of God. He only felt the heartache.

Job went through a drought of darkness. He lost his servants, cattle, children, health and wife. Everything that was happening **AROUND** him did not radiate beauty. It reflected shame. Remember this wisdom key:

WHEN DESPAIR IS OCCURRING
AROUND YOU, BEAUTY IS DEVELOPING
WITHIN YOU!

IT'S TAKES TIME

Job 42:4-6

A seed does not blossom into a plant over night. A baby is not born in one month. It takes time for beauty to emerge from a darkened moment. According to many theologians Job went through his trial for 12 months. It was in the **LAST** chapter of Job 42:4-6 when Job saw the beauty in his darkness.

Job 42: 4-6 says, *"You said, "Listen now, and I will speak. I will ask you questions, and you must answer me." My ears had heard of you before, but **NOW MY EYES HAVE SEEN YOU**. So now I hate myself; I will change my heart and life. I will sit in the dust and ashes."*

After going through the most horrific time in his life. Job saw the beauty in his darkness. Job saw the beauty of God's **GLORY!** God's glory is representative of His prosperity.

The Lord gave Job **TWICE** as much as he had before.

Think about this. **JOB WOULD HAVE NEVER EXPERIENCED THE GLORY OF GOD IF HE DID NOT ENDURE HIS DARKEST HOUR.**

Anytime God puts you in a dark place He is attempting to birth something beautiful within you. **DARKNESS IS THE SEED FOR DEVELOPMENT.** Here's what I mean.

- A seed must be buried under the ground in **DARKNESS** before it can rise and blossom in the light like a flower. **#development**
- A photograph must be placed in a **DARK** room so the pictures can be properly developed. **#development**

- A new born baby must stay in the womb of a mother in **DARKNESS** before it can open its eyes to the light of the world. #development

There will always be beauty in darkness.
Beautiful things are developed in darkness!!

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