

Transforming Daily
“... It is the Lord ...”
John 21:7

There are times when things take place in our lives and they just don't seem to be explainable. It is usually the place where the physical and the spiritual come together. A person goes into the hospital for an x-ray, and a mass is observed. They are asked to come back, and the mass is gone. It's explained away as a shadow or liquid that “took care of itself.” We are so happy to hear the news that we don't even give a second thought that it might have been the hand of God at work. We just trust the medical doctor's opinion, void of spiritual consideration (in many cases), and accept the rational explanation.

I know what you're thinking. What about the times when there is a mass, and it is cancerous, and it is terminal? God is still in control. I'm not saying that it is easy to understand, but this is how it works. We are His creation. He is the potter, and we are the clay. We answer to Him, He does not answer to us. Let me give you some food for thought. What about all the times we experience some kind of physical pain (or, for that matter, any kind of pain) and then just as quickly as it comes, it goes away. Maybe it was a shooting pain through the head, or maybe a nagging headache. Maybe it was chest pain, back pain, leg, foot, arm, etc. Before we even think to pray, or maybe even before we can reach for the pain relief medicine, the pain or discomfort is gone. We don't give it another thought; just regular aches and pains. But what if it wasn't?

Is it possible that even before we could pray or even think to pray (God knowing our needs before we can ask) that the hand of God healed us from some aneurism, heart attack, lethal travelling blood clot, the sting, burning, aching and discomfort from early signs of cancer development? I personally believe that it is not only possible, but when we get to heaven we are going to find that God's intervention on our behalf, regarding terminal illnesses as well as tragic circumstances of death, are incalculable (not to mention the physical, tangible blessings we received by His hand that we didn't ask for, or in many cases, didn't even need). Don't get me wrong, as my dad used to say, “We are not going to get out of this world [physically] alive” (even at the rapture, or Christ's second coming, some kind of physical transformation will take place for those who are alive). Take Lazarus, after having physically died, and physically resurrected, he physically died again. Why? To glorify God, that's why. (John 11:15, 40).

Does your faith in God have to be daily substantiated by signs, wonders and miracles? Do you readily recognize the hand of God in your life through both the good times and the bad? Can you identify the person of Christ because of who He is as well as what He does, what He has done or what He is doing? Can you say, in any given circumstance, with confidence, it is the Lord?