

Unseen Yet Seen

Day 1 of 5 • This day's reading

- 2 Corinthians 3:18
- John 14:6

Devotional **Unveiled**

We live a miserable and magical life. As youths, we have had hundreds of reasons to doubt and interrogate anything and everything. We live up to the trends, we become trendsetters, we move in the vibe of an unsettled power procreating a more daring power through it all. In such a turbulent space, where everything seems right and wrong at the same time and we decide the ambit of its definition, haven't we felt the void, haven't we experienced an urge to believe that there's something more in this life that we need to search? There's nothing in this whole universe that has not pointed to the only truth, the only love, the only way - our LORD Jesus! It's just that for a billion times over we've ignored it, and even if we were in the search for it, our ego blinded ourselves from it.

The truth is unveiled when we, in faith, receive Jesus into our hearts! It only takes a second to make that decision, to profess in faith that He is our personal LORD and Savior, but the impact of it goes on for a lifetime! No one accepts Jesus after doing research and finding out the pros and cons of such a decision. It's

impossible to know an eternal God fully from a human perspective. But that is why we have faith. Faith is the first step in which we motion our mind's eye to open! Faith in Jesus Christ breathes a new life, a new perspective, a new joy, a new hope, a new and renewed love! Faith becomes our first step and our last until we see Him face to face. Faith is all the steps in between too, that keep nurturing this onward journey. It takes an eternity to know an eternal Father!

Even as Christian believers, having had made the decision long back, we too need faith every step of the way to keep renewing our sight, to keep seeing the unseen!

In this pilgrim life on earth, haven't we lived a lifetime with our masks on? Trying to fake it, trying to fit in, and trying to do everything in our capacity to grab attention? We become the joker and clown in the crazy parade with the choices we've made. Yet we are so hesitant to accept that we have masks on!

Unveil it! Let your faith unveil it. Let your faith make you see the unseen! There's a whole new world out there waiting for you! There is Love waiting with arms open wide to embrace you! There is a Father who keeps living a great life through you! You don't need to fake it anymore. Come, just as you are to be unveiled of all your guilt, sorrow, hurt, pain, frustrations and doubts. Come, just as you are to be unveiled to see that there's magic in mercy,

power in piety and great joy in God's glory! Journey with Jesus to taste and see how real He can be to you!



Day 2 of 5 • This day's reading

- Philippians 4:12-13
- Romans 5:3-5
- Colossians 1:27
- 1 John 3:1

Devotional

Thankful At All Times

The journey of faith in which we see sights unseen every day and every moment, is not an easy journey, may I assure you! It's not easy to keep moving when humanly we have every reason to doubt, when we are too prone to faint under the weight of many burdens, when we feel bewildered in being stretched beyond our limits and when we feel too weak and weary!

This is where love that's anchored in our LORD keeps us steady, keeps us moving and keeps us renewed. It's a beautiful experience in which our gratitude shapes our attitude. In my book UNSEEN YET SEEN, I have enunciated what Corrie Ten Boom once told my father when he met her in Amsterdam in 1983. She shared that she lived her life under the motto "Wherever God leads me I will follow, whatever He feeds me I will swallow!" I grew up learning that a divine contentment in every circumstance of our lives makes us equipped and empowered to the plans of our LORD. We can't afford to grumble and stumble on petty things in this pilgrim journey here in Earth, when we set our eyes upon an

eternal Father and move according to His will. He is paving the way so perfectly, and He who has called us will be faithful forever! It's just that when we feel too tired or weak or heavy laden, we just have to find the inner strength to keep seeing through our mind's eyes that He is near and He won't ever leave us and that He will have His way!

We can say a 'thank you' just for the sake of saying it. In today's times where words are but mere words, we are meant to give life to each and every word or deed we do by making it converge to the will of our Father. Therefore, for Christian believers, I believe that gratitude should be the raw emotion, the first thought, that spurts from the soul at every moment. As I've told you, it's hard. It's not as easy as it seems. But when we persevere in instilling such virtues, even when the trials are too severe, it builds character— character that tunes itself to the heart of our LORD. He. brings hope in this journey here in earth, and this hope never disappoints us. Why? When everything in this world is bent down to disappoint us, why is it that this hope never ever disappoints us? Because God has poured out His love into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, whom He has given us! How can we not be thankful when our Father in Heaven has lavished His love upon

us?



Day 3 of 5 • This day's reading

- Isaiah 51:12
- John 16:33
- Joshua 1:9
- 2 Timothy 1:7
- Psalms 46:10

Devotional

Being Bold When Life's Cold

Human insincerity is something we will be always facing in life. When gratitude shapes our heart in meekness, when we become meek remember that the world will think that we have become weak. That is not so! Because at all times, we see even when no one else sees, the power we wield through the name of Jesus! The power we wield in His will! The power we wield in leading a life of piety!

And even when we feel overwhelmed by the nerve racking betrayals, the hurt, the slamming deeds that break our wings, there are times in life, in which we need to keep ourselves reminded of the power we have together with all the angels in the Heavenly realm and thus stay bold. Not because of anything else other than the blessed assurance that our Father in Heaven is with us! Christianity is always the fight of the inner man, the fight against all evil that tries to engulf us and drown the flame of our faith. But we keep moving strong knowing that our labor in the

LORD shall never be in vain (1 Corinthians 15: 58). It should encourage us to know that our LORD has won the victory over the World, and there is nothing in this whole universe that would dare to stand up against us, when we live a life in His will. Doesn't mean we won't fall, doesn't mean we won't fail, or we won't stumble in this hard terrain... but we should be comforted to know that we will stand boldly in His love and keep seeing in an eternal perspective of the glory in store for us along with all God's people...maybe not now but surely when He calls us Home! Therefore when life is cold, our perception that sees our Sovereign, all powerful Father is that which makes us bold.

What makes us bold in our Christian life? It's not riches, it's not health, and it's not worldly power... then what? It's our love in which we trust and obey our LORD each step of the way, in this journey! In my book UNSEEN YET SEEN, I've written as to how my father always used to tell me and my brothers one thing, almost every time "Children, obedience should always be unconditional, unquestioning and undelayed!" Our God is a God who loves and cares us. We will never be put in a situation where His providence would not meet us! He who holds the universe, holds every moment of our life... then why should we not trust and obey Him? Why should we not boldly march ahead for

His glory?



BOLD

DEAR SOUL, TAKE HEART TO
GATHER YOURSELF UP ONE
MORE TIME.

THERE'S MORE TO YOUR
STORY, MORE THAN YOU
NOW CAN SEE.

REMEMBER WHAT THE LORD
HAS TOLD!

BE STRONG AND
COURAGEOUS! BE BOLD!

FOR HE WILL MAKE A WAY

AND YOU'LL SEE HOW HE
LEADS YOU VICTORIOUSLY
ALL THE WAY!

- SUSAN ANN SAMUEL

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Day 4 of 5 • This day's reading

- Psalms 34:10
- Romans 8:28
- Romans 8:37-39

Devotional

Lacking Nothing Good

This life we live for Jesus is a daring life. Every second, we are defying death and its forces and moving ahead in which we are being transformed from one degree of glory to another degree of glory, being conformed to the image of Jesus. Every millisecond we are being one step away from the Earth and getting one more step closer to His throne! Every micro millisecond we are being sifted like the wheat (Luke 22: 31) and tried so brutally in every sphere of our lives because of the everlasting pride of our LORD in which He holds us! Our LORD's pride in us is something Satan hates the most! Every spur of the moment we understand that we are born to be more alive than ever, we are made in a Maker's bliss, we are here for a reason... and thus we will keep on going strong, uncompromised...because even when we are in the lion's den or in the flaming furnace He will be with us, and even if He doesn't rescue us, we will keep on seeing the unseen and look forward to what lies ahead, and that is because we have learnt to see things through His eyes! And never even in a thought unborn will we defy His trust, even if we defy the whole World! That is when we understand that the thorns that prick our flesh won't stab

our hearts. We live knowing that nothing can separate us from His love. We learn that we will keep moving, no matter what.

Because, when we start seeing things in our eyes of faith, when we yearn to feel life in the love of our LORD, we tune our hearts to the heartbeat of Heaven. And nothing can separate us. This bond is our pride, our joy and our strength! So therefore, even when we in this pilgrim life on earth face unbearable hardship, we lose nothing, when we gain it all for the glory of our LORD! We lack nothing good, because our LORD is working everything for the good of those who love Him and are called according to His purpose. And we see Him working even when the World says He is not! This is seeing the unseen!



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*Lo and behold, I see the
bare sky,*

*No stars tonight to keep the
twinkle in my eye,*

*But should I deter myself
from believing,*

*That just because I don't
see them, they are not there
shining?*

*I'll be a fool in the World's
eye to keep believing, to
keep looking at the sky,*

*But tonight I choose to be a
fool! My faith will be the
twinkle in my eye!*

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Day 5 of 5 • This day's reading

- 2 Corinthians 12:9
- Isaiah 40:31
- Psalms 18:32-33
- 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

Devotional

Ladders of Grace

If our life is viewed like that of the game of Snake and Ladders, have you been experiencing the ladders that are unseen yet seen? Have you been experiencing the ladders of His amazing grace that takes us by surprise every time and re-instills in us all the promises He has promised us? Have you been experiencing the joy that transcends understanding, a peace that penetrates in the deepest despairs, a love that overflows even when the World wages a war against you! Have you been experiencing an inward push that keeps you going, keeps reviving you? It is the LORD! He is working in you and through you!


The high times of our life are not that which defines us, nor are the low times! Money comes and goes, health comes and goes, hurt comes and goes... nothing in this life is permanent other than the bond we have in Jesus Christ! Anchoring our life in the love of our Savior alone is that which secures us in His arms of grace. So therefore even when the World might break our wings, let them understand that seldom have we been flying on our own, all

throughout the journey with Jesus, we have been soaring on His wings and we will continue to do so! How? By just believing! By just loving! By just enjoying Him every second of our life!

Let us love Him more, let us enjoy Him more, let us live our lives worthy of our calling! There's so much we could do, there's so much we should do as God's ambassadors here in this World! Like a city on a hill, let us shine brighter! Let nothing deter us! Let us encourage each other in the service of our LORD, and together march ahead for His glory!

When Jesus returns, He will be coming back to take back His Bride, and there will be only one Bride, the Church! Let the Spirit unite us in the banner of love! We all are meant to be one... let us forget our theological and ideological differences and just love Him for who He was, who He is and who He forever will be!

Therefore let us run this race, this race that has been started in faith will also end in faith, when we see Him face to face... let us see sights unseen and know the Author and Finisher of our faith is with us, and He is paving the way perfectly and victoriously!

A person is standing on a tall, dark wooden ladder that extends from the bottom left towards the top left of the frame. The person is wearing a light-colored t-shirt and dark shorts, and is looking upwards with their right arm raised. The background is a bright, hazy sky with soft, white clouds. The overall tone is inspirational and hopeful.

Ladders of Grace

Lately, I've been thinking of defying gravity,
I've been dreaming to just see,
What lies beyond the sky,
What sights illuminate my mind's eye?

Lately, I've been learning that I'm meant for more,
And now as I gaze upon You like never before,
Father, help me see through Your eyes of love,
These ladders of grace that reach down from above!

Help me defy gravity!
Help me see as You see!
Help me do all that You want me to do!
Help me bring glory to You!

- Susan Ann Samuel

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