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Here's Hope
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I Am A Witness

I've seen God do some mighty things. I've been a witness to marriages healed. I've seen God make the incurable healthy. Lives have been extended. A doctor says, she has three months to live, and God adds three years. He is definitely in control. Dead churches can come to life. I've seen it. Hard-hearted dads become selfless and nurturing. It's possible with the power of God. I've known people to crack under the burden and weight of their own sin. The end result has often been repentance, and then God gives new life. The terrible weight of depression can be lifted. The awful curse of pornography can be remedied. The oppressive bondage of alcohol abuse can be changed. All this can be changed. I've seen it happen.

This may just be a function of old age. If you live long enough and if your eyes are open you get to see God do mighty things. I read about these type things in the New Testament. I've seen these things happen in real time through my own eyes, in concrete reality. We often relegate these type miracles and "unexplainables" to a far gone reality. That is not necessarily so. We often plan on the miraculous in the future, or push it back to ancient past. Our God is not hampered by the culture in which we live. He may do whatever He wants whenever He gets ready. His power is more than ample, and His ability is the stuff of which the Bible is full.

I've seen it, therefore I hope for it. Hoping for it I lean into prayer and ask for it. And, today might just be the day the answer comes down from heaven. That which I've dreamed of and hope toward is more than possible. Nothing is outside the realm of His ability or reach.

Now, if I live expecting God to do something huge in my life, then my day to day becomes rich with possibility. If I just live coping with my reality, that's another thing. The choice becomes first to live expecting. The other choice is to live coping. Understand me there is nothing wrong with coping. My firm conviction though is in the life-changing power of the Almighty. That hope in His power and intervention drives my life. We are not alone. We are not left to our own devices (only). His intervention changes everything. I really, really believe that. Do you?

Love You
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