

## Revelation #35 -- God and time

One of the areas of ministry we do in RTF is walking with someone through the hurts and traumas of their life. One key to this area of ministry is knowing that God is willing and able to meet them in their historical wounds to bring healing and freedom. Part of what makes this happen is knowing a significant attribute of God: that He can walk outside of time! In Psalm 139, it talks about how He knew us before the world was even created, before we were even in our mother's womb. Theologically, we use terms like *omnipotence* and *omniscience*, being all-powerful and all-knowing. He knows things about us before we do!

We often think of time as linear, that you can never go back or go forward. WE can't, but God CAN! Time is a created element that we live within while on this earth. What He does looks a little like going back in time, but it is really about Him bringing us revelation of something we didn't know at that moment in time and how the new revelation He brings changes our perception of it, and thus what we believe about it. This has the power to set us free and to help us release whatever pain or trauma that may have been keeping us stuck in that memory.

I love the story of Gideon and how the Angel of God addresses him with the words, "*Greetings, O might man of valor!*" Gideon was threshing wheat in a barn for fear of being seen by the enemy and having his wheat stolen! I can imagine him thinking, "*I don't know who you're talking to! I'm certainly not THAT man!*" Every time God came to Gideon and gave Him an assignment, he tested it, not being sure if it was really God. Remember Gideon and the fleece? When we say, "*Let me throw out a fleece and see if God will confirm it*", we are talking about the story of Gideon! God sees who we are and will become long before we do.

When Lance Welnu was talking about this concept, He referred to the scripture that says we are "*already seated at the right hand of God in Christ Jesus*", that God already sees us in a position of authority, seated with Jesus. As Lance was trying to help us understand the process of sanctification, he said, "*...now our butt has to catch up with our face!*" God ALREADY sees us as the finished work and interacts with us in time from that perspective! When He speaks to us about our character and identity from HIS perspective, it changes us!

This sounds a little like something from "Men in Black", or "The outer limits", but it is simply the bigness of God! And He is giving us a glimpse of it to help us TRUST Him and His good plans for our life. He already has a roadmap and a compass, and every item needed for the journey! He NEVER gets lost!! But WE sure do, especially when we rely on our own knowledge, smarts, intelligence, degrees, etc.!

Faith is a key ingredient of intimacy with the Father! "*Everything in its' time...*" We don't often have the patience or the Belief to trust that He is going to make it all work out in the end. Perhaps we don't believe in His goodness, or perhaps we are so overwhelmed by the effects of sin in the earth and all the evil we have seen or experienced. But God...!! He uses EVERYTHING for our good, including Time! When is the last time you Thanked Him for things taking so long? Do you even have a clue how much He has protected you by delaying certain things?

Even after the caterpillar is transformed into a butterfly, it only has about 20 days to live, to reproduce, and to leave its' mark before it leaves this planet. Every one of us has a set

time to live and to accomplish our created task on this earth. Trusting His timing and staying on the path with Him is the only way to finish the race and to hear His words, "*Well done, good and faithful servant!*" He is NEVER late, and we are NOT too late to finish the course! Be encouraged, and let TIME serve its creative purpose for good in your life!