

“The Unseen Hand of God”

I can't speak for anyone else, but I am so very tired of hearing the same bad, devastating, "it's getting worse by the day - we're doomed" news over and over, day after day! Isn't there any GOOD news out there? The answer is a resounding YES! but that's not what sells the news. Hebrews 12:2 tells us (my paraphrase) we should follow the path God has marked out for us in life while fixing our eyes on Jesus, NOT all the mayhem going on around us!

Years ago, I sat down one evening to pray over my list of people, most of whom needed a healing touch from the Lord, but as I began to pray, the Holy Spirit stopped me and asked me to consider the many things God had done in their lives, even though He hadn't healed them. One of my immediate thoughts was that even though many of them had been through some really tough times, God's grace had been sufficient to get them to this point! And how many times did He bring them back from death's door? How many times did He give them hope when they felt hopeless, or bring peace into the midst of their turmoil, or strengthen them when they felt they couldn't possibly go on. The answer is OFTEN!

We are obviously heartbroken by all the suffering caused by this Covid pandemic, and many of us are crushed because we've lost a loved one or friend because of it. But I wonder if in the midst of all the bad situations, was God at work protecting many others from being exposed to the virus? We're reminded daily about the number of deaths, but we never seem to hear about the large numbers of people who had it and God healed them, or maybe He restrained the potency of the virus, leading to milder cases.

I heard on the news recently the highways are now more dangerous than ever before; they said fatalities were up considerably - not exactly what I wanted to hear as I was preparing to go to Ohio to visit family! But there again, how many millions of cars are on the highway that are never involved in an accident? How often does God intervene to prevent accidents? Have you ever gotten upset at being delayed in traffic? What if it was a divine delay, meant to keep you out of harm's way?

These are just a couple of examples of how the enemy wants us to focus on the bad things going on in life, and how he wants us to be consumed by fear and miss completely all of the good things the Lord is doing - even if we can't "see" them. This is why 2 Corinthians says: *"So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal."* (NIV) We need to keep our spiritual eyes open, looking for the unseen acts of God in the midst of the obviously bad circumstances around us! We need a divine perspective! Amen!

