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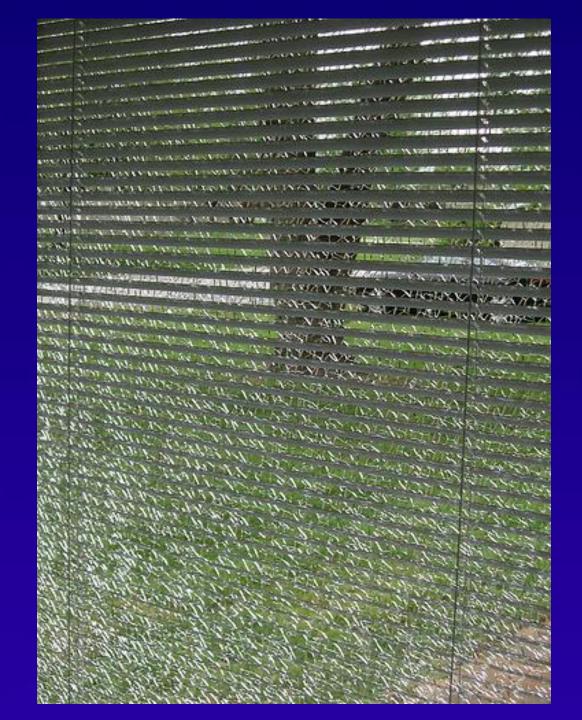
Proverbs 3:5 & 6

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your understanding

In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight

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"There's a window in your heart, through which you can see God"



Some Age Old Questions

Why did God allow this to happen?
Where's God when this happen?
Job is the oldest book in the Bible

Job asked the question, "Where is God in all of my suffering"

Some Age Old Questions

The Disciples asked the question, "Where is God in this storm"

Matthew 14:22-23

²² Immediately He made the disciples get into the boat and go ahead of Him to the other side, while He sent the crowds away. ²³ After He had sent the crowds away,

Matthew 14:23-24

He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray; and when it was evening, He was there alone. ²⁴ But the boat was already a long distance from the land, battered by the waves; for the wind was contrary.

Some Age Old Questions

Matthew 14:25

And in the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea

What Do We Do When We Can't See God?

We trust Him with our emotions

We <u>lean</u> on Him

We let him be the <u>decisive</u> thing about our choices and decisions we make

2 Corinthians 6:14

Do not bound together with unbelievers for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness

Or what fellowship has light and darkness

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John 14:6

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

The Reason Why We Lack Joy In Our Lives is Because:

- 1. We trust our <u>emotions</u> instead of trusting <u>God</u> in our decision making process
- 2. We lean on our own <u>understanding</u> instead of leaning on the wisdom of God
 - 3. We fail to acknowledge Him in our <u>decision</u> making process and instead we ignore biblical principles

Review:

What Do We Do When We Can't See God?

- 1. We trust our emotions to Him
 - 2. We lean on His wisdom
- Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes and Song of Solomon
- 3. We acknowledge Him in the choices that we will make on the basis of Biblical truths that we know

Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the Lord with all of your heart That is your emotions Lean not upon your own understanding That is the thought process-the mind (Think it through) In all thy ways acknowledge Him That is the path you walk And He shall direct your path

JOY

If you want joy, real joy, wonderful joy Let Jesus come into your heart If you want joy, real joy, wonderful joy Let Jesus come into your heart Your sins He'll wash away Your night He'll turn to day Your life He'll make it over anew If you want joy, real joy, wonderful joy Let Jesus come into your heart