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A) Our God is a Dynamic God

Our God is a dynamic God - He is doing so much in the background in ways we wouldn't even know.

If you really stop and listen and shut away the noise, you can really start to see that God moves in our lives for good in ways that is mysterious, wondrous and beautiful. He's just so good!

Today it's testimony Sunday so let's start with an example of how God is demonstrating his dynamic nature right now in our business.

[Testimony of the current movement in our firm – team members flying around and attending different conferences and forums; more importantly how opportunities to minister in the workplace are opening up. Talk to prayer group; new lawyer in Sydney and food4thought.org.au – doors opening across the country]

God's reach is universal and in our position as vessels of the Holy Spirit, we should, in trying to be more Christ-like, trying also to be more universal in our thinking. We can be very insular in our way of thinking but if we open our mind to the universal nature and the dynamic nature of God – this dynamic nature has no limits!

What's to say that the reach of what we are doing to affect Kingdom initiatives has to be just within our church or within our area? That it can be broader.

I've asked God to guide me as to how our firm can go more into initiatives that reach out. The testimony I just shared shows how God has demonstrated his limitless reach by expanding our horizons and reach.

So now I have to think about the fact that there are others in their Christian walk that I can have meetings with. Do I then go and extend this? Suddenly having this Kingdom mindset – they're going up on my priority list.

I am off to Sydney soon and so now I've included as a priority meeting one of the heads of food4thought as well as a couple of friends that are having a hard time. We are also prioritising inviting them and some friends along to church on Sunday, reaching out to others to see if they want to join – all now becoming a priority.

Time to practice the Gideon strategy!

**** Prayer – thank you God for being our dynamic and universal guide and Lord.**

B) God is Always Working All Things for Good

Changing our mindset and resonating more closely to God's dynamic, universal, frequency means that our options are expanded and our priorities start to change and become more exciting!

We just need to remember that is always wanting the best for us and actively working in our lives (even when we might not realise it!)

- **Romans 8:28:** *"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."*
- **Mark 4:27:** (Parable of the Sower)
"The seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how."
- **Psalms 103:19:** *"The LORD has established His throne in heaven, and His sovereignty rules over all."*

- **Jeremiah 29:11:** *"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."*

[Testimony – of my son's engagement party. Where we were 6 years ago. Where we are now. How the Holy Spirit turned all this around is still mind blowing to me.]

**** Prayer – Lord we give you all the praise and glory for the many ways you are working in our lives. In mysterious and profound ways that turn things for good.**

C) God's Unchanging Nature

Despite His dynamic actions, God's nature remains constant.

- **Malachi 3:6:** *"For I, the LORD, do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed."*
- **James 1:17:** *"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change."*
- **Hebrews 13:8:** *"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."*
- **Psalm 102:26-27** *"They will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment. Like clothing you will change them and they will be discarded. But you remain the same, and your years will never end."*

To me it's a huge comfort to know that while God is dynamic and working actively in our lives, He's also the perfect, unchanging constant that will never let me down.

**** Prayer – thank you God for being the alpha and the omega. For being our constant never changing and never faltering Lord. We love you and thank you Lord.**

D) Praying for God's Expansion in Our Lives

So how do we expand our horizons and not limit our capabilities. How do we resonate to God's unchanging nature.

God is always so near and present in our lives (**Hebrews 3:5b** "God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you") – it's US who need to be intentional by creating space to seek Him and hear His voice.

Let's reflect on the below scriptures about seeking God and pressing in and being intentional in seeking God:

Jeremiah 29:13

"You will seek Me and find Me when you seek Me with all your heart."

Matthew 7:7

"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you."

Philippians 3:10-14

"I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.

Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."

Praying for God's expansion also requires us to listen carefully and without interruption:

- Verse below calls for stillness to recognize God's sovereignty and presence.

Psalm 46:10:

"Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."

- Verse below highlights the value of waiting in silence for God's deliverance.

Lamentations 3:26:

"It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord."

- Verse below is a reminder of the reverence due to God, encouraging silence in His presence.

Habakkuk 2:20:

"But the Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him."

- Verse below reassures believers that silence can be a form of trust in God's action on their behalf.

Exodus 14:14: *"The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to be silent."*

**** Prayer – Let's pray silently as we set our intention on God and listen actively to what He has to tell us.**

Scriptures - Waiting on the Lord

- The idea of waiting on the Lord might seem like a passive exercise, but a closer study reveals that it's nothing of the sort. It's active – we can wait on the Lord by:
 - Seeking Him
 - Trusting Him
 - Through Prayer and Speaking in tongues

Isaiah 40:31

"But those who wait on the LORD Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint."

Psalm 27:14

"I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. Wait patiently for the LORD. Be brave and courageous. Yes, wait patiently for the LORD."

Lamentations 3:25

"The LORD is good to those who wait for Him, To the soul who seeks Him."

Scriptures - Speaking in tongues

- Speaking in tongues bypasses our natural mind and helps sensitise our spiritual ears to hear God's voice/in the spirit more clearly.

Romans 8:26

"And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don't know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words."

1 Corinthians 14:3

"For anyone who speaks in a tongue does not speak to people but to God. Indeed, no one understands them; they utter mysteries by the Spirit."

**** Prayer – Gentlemen we pray in tongues now as we patiently wait for the Lord to reveal any direction He has for us to follow.**

Does anyone have anything to share?