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If I would only look at what I see, I would never be able to believe that God is capable to change my circumstances, and if I would expect the "spiritual rain of victory", I would not be able to see those "clouds" because God does a miracle when the situation is impossible. If I choose to only believe God when I can rationalize the outcome, I limit His work.

In Hebrews 11:6 (NKJV) God made it a very clear point that as believers we must have four requirements in order to please God:

6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

These four requirements are:

- We must have faith in order to please God
- We must believe that God is; that God exists
- We must seek God diligently
- We must believe that God rewards fairly for our faith/our seeking Him diligently

Without these four main things the life of a believer is futile and cannot be pleasing to God. When we prioritize our lives around these main points, the desire to watch for "weather forecast" becomes irrelevant and unnecessary because we trust the Lord completely to sustain us and guide us.

Each day for me becomes harder and harder because I don't have a timeline as to when God would complete what He started. Each day is more like a week, and each week is more like a year. I pray more and more, but I get weary from endless waiting. In the past few days God started to ponder on me about my faith yet again. I have to stop looking for the signs and symptoms of the situation and trust the Lord would complete what He started in His due time.

Today my husband sent me a text message letting me know that he is going back to the church where he's been going to where incorrect teaching is preached, and although I was devastated, but I also realized that God

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has a plan for everything, and He still holds everything under His control. I emphasize that He holds it under His control and not under my control. I remember the days last year when I tried to play god and manipulate my situations to bring my husband to God, but it never worked because it wasn't God who was doing this, but it was me who was doing it. I was trying to watch for the wind in order to have the appropriate response ready for my husband, and it failed every single time. If I would have had strong faith back then, I would have given him up to God back then, but I didn't; I kept on pursuing my own agenda thinking that I was doing God's work.

By following on my own plans, I was blocking the existence of God in my life because if I trusted God existed, I would have trusted that He holds everything in His hand. This is the circle of Faith that God is willing for us to understand and know with whole heart. If I believe that God exists, and I seek Him diligently, I will have faith to trust Him; I will also trust that God is fair and He rewards according to His love. I would not worry about the weather and its impact on the harvest because my trust would be in God.

Do you trust the Lord with your circumstances or do you try to resolve your problems yourself? God has called us- His children to believe in Him, and Him doing the impossible when the impossible is due. I urge you to put all your doubts and concerns to His feet and surrender to Him. He will show you the greatest harvest you have ever dreamed of if you would submit to Him with your whole heart. Have faith and believe that God is the One who orchestrates the winds, gives the rain, and saves us from spiritual and physical famine and drought.

This is the hardest part of my heart to have faith that God is faithful to reward me for my faith and surrendering to Him. I have been working very hard by praying and fasting and praying some more about my impossible circumstances and I doubted God that He would judge fairly. Not to trust that He rewards fairly is the same thing as not believing that He will judge fairly, so I had to repent. This brought me to specific step that I had to commit myself in doing- to stop boasting about the things I sacrificed or did for the sake of my family. If I trust the Lord rewards fairly, I would not have a need to boast about the things that I've done. What's more, if the circumstances are unresolved, that means there is always room for improvement and for me to do more sacrificing.

To believe that God rewards for those who seek Him diligently means not to watch what your right hand does because it eliminates any expectation to receive reward from people. God said in **Matthew 6:3-4 (NIV)**:

3 But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, 4 so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

Although this scripture mostly is applied to the financial offerings/material giving, I will take a step further and will apply it to contributions that we make in relationships. If I sacrifice things for my family, I shouldn't expect to get recognition for that because I would eliminate my reward from God.

I tie this scripture to the definition of Love by Paul in **Corinthians 13:4 (NIV)**:

4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.

God's love doesn't boast, and this is one of the arguments that me and my husband always end up with; he tells me all these things that he's been doing, and I tell him in return what I've been doing, and in the end no resolution but more arguing. This is the specific area that God showed me I needed to stop. The next time, this deadly circle would start, I would keep silent if necessary, but I will not give in to boasting.

If you think that you have issues with any of these main four components, you can pray for God to show you what could be done specifically, just like God showed me how to stop boasting to seek justice. In the end I

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have to surrender to God to have faith that He is fair, and He will reward those who diligently seek Him.

I come to You, Lord, and I ask You to teach me to rely on You even when I doubt or try to solve things on my own. Lord, I ask You to strengthen my faith and to make it as strong as a tree that grows by the water. Thank you, Father, for being so faithful and patient with me even when I feel hopeless and helpless. You pick me up and strengthen me in Your word.

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