## ...Now show me Your glory. — Exodus 33:18

he coronavirus pandemic this Spring has put everyone in a hard place. Many of us have been either locked down in our homes, quarantined, or even hospitalized. Businesses and restaurants and beaches have closed; schools and churches have moved online; even legislators are contemplating voting from home, as we are all urged to keep a social distance from each other in order to protect ourselves from this highly contagious, deadly disease. The hosts for my upcoming speaking engagements have canceled their events; my doctors have canceled my appointments; and I find that I, too, am isolated. I've been reminded of a dramatic scene in the Old Testament...

When Moses asked God to show him His glory, God agreed, but specified that Moses would only be allowed to see the backside. In other words, Moses would only see God's glory as he looked back. He placed Moses in the cleft of a rock...in a hard place...as He covered Moses with His hand, to reassure him of His presence. Then God removed His hand, and Moses must have felt abandoned. Forsaken. Isolated. Alone.¹ But it was just then that God caused His glory to pass by Moses. God's glory was not a shining cloud, but a fresh revelation of His character: And He passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, 'The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin.'2

In the past four years, I, too, have been placed in the "cleft of a rock". A hard place. My husband's sudden, unexpected death; my father's death three years later; my diagnosis of cancer and the subsequent surgery and follow-up treatments have been personally and equally as hard as the place in which we now find ourselves as a nation. But... As I have looked back, I have seen God's "glory". I have experienced God's faithfulness to meet my needs, His grace to pour out His blessings through family and friends, His strength to enable me to endure triumphantly, and His goodness to bring me through one day at a time. The vision of His glory enabled me to maintain my joy, my inner peace, and the steadfast hope that God was in control and would work out all things for my good.<sup>3</sup>

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With my oldest daughter, Morrow, looking on, my younger daughter, Rachel-Ruth, and I spoke to a gathering of over 200 Christian women leaders in the beautiful backyard of a friend's home in Santa Barbara, CA. What a privilege! We shared the urgency of the hour, challenging them to maintain their walk with the Lord, share the Gospel, and make disciples of their children. It was a blessing to stay afterwards and visit with those who had come.



Pastor Ray Bentley gave me the privilege of speaking at his three worship services at Maranatha Chapel in San Diego, CA. Following the 3rd service, I had the time to pray with those who responded to the invitation, indicating they wanted to invite Jesus to come into their hearts in the Person of the Holy Spirit. Praise God! Many did!

In what hard place has God placed you? Do you find yourself today in "the cleft of a rock"? Your situation may be directly related to the coronavirus, or it may have nothing at all to do with it. But do you feel isolated from others, lonely, abandoned as you wonder where God is?

If you are in a hard place, ask God to show you His glory. Ask Him to reveal Himself to you in a fresh, personal way. He promises that if we draw near to Him, He will draw near to us. 4 So... Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith. 5

Who knows? As you look back on the hard place in which you find yourself, you may discover that it actually has been the place of your greatest blessing because it was there that you experienced a fresh encounter with the living God.

For His Glory,

<sup>1</sup> Exodus 33:18-23

<sup>2</sup> Exodus 34:6-7

<sup>3</sup> Romans 8:28

<sup>4</sup> James 4:8 NKJV

<sup>5</sup> Hebrews 10:22

### Intercession

#### **PRAISE**

- \*For the successful and on time completion of the writing and editing of Anne's new book, *The Light of His Presence*.
- \*For the fullness of God's blessing on each of Anne's speaking engagements until the coronavirus forced cancellation of her schedule.
- \*For God's strength that carried Anne through the March videotaping of 8 sessions for the new Bible Study curriculum based on *Jesus in Me*; for His incredible timing so the taping was completed the week before everything shut down completely.
- \*For the unique opportunities God has given Anne to speak into our world during this critical time.
- \*For the successful transition to a new ministry database system.

#### **PRAYER**

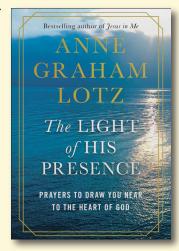
- \*For wisdom to adjust to the limitations the coronavirus pandemic has put in place; for creative ways to minister to others in the midst of the limitations so that God increases the reach and effectiveness of our ministry.
- \*For alertness to recognize which opportunities presented to Anne are from God, and then seize them.
- \*For the protection of Anne's health, her family, her staff, and their families.
- \*For God to use the pandemic to cause people worldwide to turn to Him with not just lip service or a temporary glance, but in real faith.

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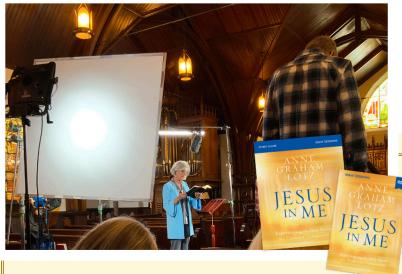
## Bible Study: I've Seen His Glory

#### I. IN THE DESERT

- \*Describe a spiritual "desert." See Exodus 15:22; 16:2-3.
- \*Where did God's people see the LORD in Exodus 16:10?
- \*Describe John's "desert" in Revelation 1:9.
- \*What was his experience there according to Revelation 1:9-16?
- \*Can you think of a time when you were spiritually dry, cut off from all that was familiar, yet God met you there in a fresh way?
- \*How are you encouraged by Isaiah 35:6 (KJV)? Exodus 17:1-6? Genesis 21:14-20?

#### II. IN THE DARKNESS

- \*When have you been enveloped by the darkness of frustration or fear, disappointment or depression, stress or suffering?
- \*What did God promise His people in Exodus 19:9?
- \*How was Jonah in the dark, and what was his testimony in Jonah 2:1-3:2? the Psalmist in Psalm 40:2? Daniel in Daniel 6:1-28? Lazarus in John 11:14, 33-35, 38-44?
- \*How are you encouraged by Exodus 20:21? Psalm 97:2? 2 Samuel 22:29?



#### **III. IN THE STORM**

- \*What storms of disease, death, divorce, disaster, or other upheavals have come into your life? See Proverbs 1:27.
- \*Describe Ezekiel's storm in Ezekiel 1:1-5, and whom he saw in Ezekiel 1: 25-28.
- \*Describe the storm and the unique experience of the three Hebrew young men in Daniel 3:1-25.
- \*Describe Peter's storm in Matthew 14:22-33, and what he discovered as a result.
- \*What do you learn about storms from each of the following descriptions? Job 40:6; Proverbs 10:25; Nahum 1:3.
- \*What does Jesus teach you from His own example in Luke 8:22-25?

#### IV. ON THE MOUNTAIN

Mountains can represent peaks and high points in our lives, but they can also represent difficulties, obstacles, hardships, and stress because of the effort required to "climb" them.

- \*Name some mountains in your life at present.
- \*How are you encouraged by Exodus 34:1-5? Genesis 22:14? Mark 9:2-8?

The Bible says, now we see through a glass darkly... but one day we will see Him face to face (I Corinthians 13:12). Would you ask God to show you His glory even now in the midst of your desert, darkness, storm and mountain-sized hardship? Then open your eyes and look up, look around, and look back....

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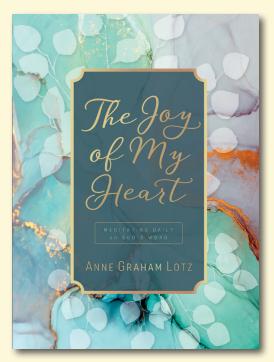
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I was invited by Pastor David Anderson to speak at all three Sunday morning services at Bridgeway Community Church in Columbia, MD. From the time I arrived until the time I left, I was bathed in prayer by his elders, his leaders, and himself. In answer to prayer, God poured out His Spirit on all of us.



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