

Monday, December 21, 2015

*In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. **John 1:4***

I drove along the mountainous stretch of I-40 west of Asheville, musing on how wonderful it would be if God did things the way I wanted. Our family had been fundraising to support our ministry. The fundraising wasn't going well, but we had felt God's leading and that it was an urgent one. So, we jumped – headfirst, off the cliff, following God's call. I drove by a billboard: the jackpot was well over 100 million. Well wouldn't that be nice, I could fund my ministry and then some... But as soon as the thought hit my mind I heard the gentle voice of the Lord in the back of my head: And how, pray tell, would that glorify Me? The words hit me like a gut punch – I wanted an easy out wherein I wouldn't have to actually trust in God anymore. As it was, we were forced to rely on Him for our daily bread. This is how we've always wanted it: our forefathers in the covenant wanted a great military leader to do away with the evil of the Romans once and for all. What they got was a baby, who came into the world and encouraged us to follow Him. Would He come someday in the garb of a conqueror, with fiery eyes and a sword in hand? Absolutely - but God doesn't give us all of His blessings in their fullness immediately – he isn't a spell to be conjured at our leisure. He's a Shepherd who delights to lead us step-by-step by the light of His truth.

*Lord, Help us to trust in Your perfect timing, that You will be glorified in the unfolding of Your story in our lives.  
Amen.*

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