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“The path of the righteous is like the first gleam of dawn, shining **ever brighter** till the full light of day” ⇒ Proverbs 4:18. Before sunrise in rural areas (away from artificial light) the sky is very dark with no moon shining. There is no ability to see God’s creation until He brings it into the light. In the fullness of time, the sun He made and set on course reveals **more and more** of what He prepared for us before we had the ability to behold it.

This simple truth is foundational to the intimacy of personal relationship with God as well as to the intimacy in marriage. There is **a process** which must unfold before we can experience what God created and prepared for us... before we had any ability to behold it or even imagine it. Youth believe they can imagine anything; it is good for them to apply their youthfulness to life. However, while growing closer to God He reveals to us that our imagination is laughably limited compared to even a small fraction of what He has and is.

It is good to receiveably be taught this truth as early as possible in life, even as a young child. It instills the awesome fear and security of God as well as deep and true humility ⇒ Proverbs 1:7. It frames our thoughts with the accuracy of life defined by the Sovereign God. It protects us from foolish thinking ⇒ Psalm 53:1 and instead enables us to receive the riches of God ⇒ Colossians 2:2 only available through knowing His Son Jesus Christ. Despite ages of clever sounding fools, there never was, is, or will be a way to avoid this.

Freedom to be blessed is the direct result of owning this revelation of “**ever brighter**”. It speaks calmness to uncertainties in life, both with God and in marriage. It also speaks faith (which has substance ⇒ Hebrews 11:1), hope (which believes *without* substance / help ⇒ Romans 8:24), and love (which believes **and acts without** help ⇒ Matthew 5:44). God wants us free so we are **enabled** to use His power to overcome everything in life. To walk by faith ⇒ 2 Corinthians 5:7 and in love ⇒ Ephesians 5:1-2 blesses us and others.

Isaiah 40:31 ⇒ promises power beyond youthfulness and Psalm 103:1-5 ⇒ promises rebuilding of youthfulness... all from patience with God’s “**ever brighter**” **process**. The enemy lies against God’s Word by preaching life is a **worsening** process, that the best blessings belong to the young. What falsehood that is! ⇒ Ecclesiastes 7:8. This summer is our 30th wedding anniversary and our life together keeps getting **better and better**. Kathy’s quote in our *Intimate Anatomy* workbook is, “**The best and getting better.**”

This all originates with God Himself: who He is and what is heart is all about. Notice how the enemy paints God as negative: heavy, mean, boring, dull, no fun, and all about restrictive religiosity. The strong effort behind these satanic sermons ⇒ 1 Timothy 4:1-2 is plenty of proof of its falsehood. Moreover, the abundant life ⇒ John 10:10 provably lived daily by us and countless others who are intimate with God are irrefutable proofs.

If you are stuck in the lies of less and less, you need more intimacy with God. We all have trials of different types ⇒ John 16:33 which God wants to work through for our gain ⇒ Romans 8:26-28. Intimacy is the “**ever brighter**” **process** which God originated which is how we get **unstuck from less and less** and enter **more and more** instead. **God owns this power and gives it increasingly** to all who are **building** intimacy with Him. ♥