



Flash the donkey was an unexpected interruption in my everyday life. It would have been easy to simply consider this newcomer an entertaining family addition, without looking deeper into his adventures to glean wisdom for my life.

Now, just in case you're worried, the donkey is not my source of wisdom. But he *illustrates* timeless lessons and spiritual concepts in a way that mirrors the way Jesus communicated with His followers.

I love that scripture is replete with metaphors from the natural world, and from everyday life. Jesus himself used examples that people could easily comprehend - stories to illustrate the kingdom of God and the things of the Spirit.

- *Wind and waves*
- *Mustard seeds*
- *Talents of gold*
- *Expensive pearls*
- *Lost coins*
- *Wheat fields*
- *Fishing*
- *Farming*
- *Trees*
- *Grass*
- *Family dogs*
- *Water and Wine*
- *Traveling merchants*
- *Bread*
- *Parenthood*
- *...just to name a few*

Throughout the Bible, God used everyday objects and real-life scenarios to paint pictures that people could identify with and understand.

I believe He still does the same today.

How can you find God in your everyday moments? Let me offer a few suggestions.

1. Read and meditate on scripture.

Your everyday moments will start to illuminate what you've *already* been putting into your heart. Pause on a verse and think about what it might look like in your world. Give God something to work with.

"I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways." Psalm 119:15

2. Ask God for a mindset of expectation.

Don't just look "at" your situation, but look "through" it to see how God might be working. Remember, He can take any negative occurrence and turn it into something good. The example of Joseph comes to mind.

Jer. 33:3 "Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known." ESV

3. See interruptions in your plans as possibilities for God to work and speak to you.

The woman at the well was interrupted by Jesus in the middle of the mundane task of getting water. She was minding her own business when God showed up. She had a choice: she could be offended by this inappropriate exchange, or she could listen to what He had to say.

She put down her vessel and listened. (John 4). It was a conversation that changed her life.

4. Be willing to take action.

Is there a nudge to serve? To follow? To be obedient?

“Practicing the presence of God,” as Priscilla mentioned in the video, means that our actions should follow His leading. It’s in the doing - the saying “yes” - that our ears remain open to the Spirit.

“Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.” Phil. 4:9

Remember Jesus’ words, “The kingdom of God is like...” and how He filled in the blank with illustrations from daily life? He was all about bringing His kingdom to earth, to be lived out and glorified in our interactions, our carpool lines, our jobs, our families and our neighborhoods.

Whether your days are filled with laundry piles or paperwork, caring for children or customer service, God *is* with you in your everyday moments. Sometimes we simply need a reminder to *be aware* of Him, to *watch* for signs of His care and compassion.

He is here, with you, walking alongside you each step of the way.

“For in Him we live, and move, and have our being.” Acts 17:28