

ORPHANS & FAMILY

The feeling of being _____ by God

And the _____

It _____ my witness

It _____ my relationships

Especially with _____

Walking with the _____

Experiencing _____

And the _____ of God

That we are not _____

READ. REFLECT. RESPOND. REMEMBER.

Some people, I am sure, go through life with a firm and steady confidence that God is present with them. They have not been left alone. For others, there is a legitimate struggle at times to perceive God's presence in any of the ways that we can perceive. I don't really have the answer as to *why* that is. Certainly people often want to blame themselves (or others) for that. As part of the Bible Study I was rereading through Corinthians. In Chapter 13, I was reminded again that the message of God in Christ is love to us, and yet, even now, I see that as a reflection in a mirror, in part. Longing for the day when it is only Him. Read 1 Corinthians 13, take it out of the wedding context into the gift of love in Jesus.

Reflect:

When you feel most abandoned by God, what else is going on in you? In your world?

When you feel God to be most present, where are you? What is happening in your day / life / moment?

Respond:

Pray a prayer of perception to the Holy Spirit, that you would recognize the presence of God in this moment.

Remember:

"For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known." 1 Corinthians 13:12