

Seeing the forest and the trees

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- Jesus tells the Disciples that if they've seen Him, they've seen the Father

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"Jesus said to him,

'Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, "Show us the Father?"

...Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it."

John 14: 9-14

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 - Something about that causes them to know how to pray and see that their prayers are answered

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 - Just told them to "Be anxious about nothing"
 - Follows that up with "Rejoice always"

"Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things *are* noble, whatever things *are* just, whatever things *are* pure, whatever things *are* lovely, whatever things *are* of good report, if *there is* any virtue and if *there is* anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things. The things which you learned and received and heard and **saw** in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you."

Philippians 4: 8-9

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As we watch HIM at work, we rejoice, we praise, we meditate, we agree with what He has done, is doing, and will do.

Jesus said we would do things which were greater than He did while here on earth.

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**See God in the midst of the problem
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