

For with You is the fountain of life; in Your light we see light.

Psalm 36:9

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Dear Friends:

I BELIEVE I CAN FLY

Perspective, it's the way we see things.

A lot of ingredients go into the mix to create perspective; it is part of who we are. Life experience, education, environment, conditioning, tastes, desires, fears, victories and defeats are just a few of the things that go into the molding of our perspective of life and the things around us.

Much of our perspective depends on where we are that particular moment. Right now, it is quite cold in Anchorage but in Cairo they are probably looking for a break from the heat.

The perspective of the sick person is likely based on fear and uncertainty but the perspective of the skilled doctor is confidently based on his education and experience. He knows how to fix the problem.

In the art world, the real talent is seen in the ability to take a flat page, give it a series of lines and shadings to bring depth and perspective. I marvel at the talent that makes me wonder where that winding road or meandering river leads although I know it is just a flat canvas. My stick figure drawings won't generate admiration from anyone over the age of five but the expert brings life and wonderment through the proper use of perspective.

During her years at Loyola, Linda was WWL's Flying Traffic Reporter for TV and Radio. Starting at 5:30 am each day, our "*Fearless Intrepid Reporter*" would cruise the skies from Slidell to Destrehan as thousands of commuters, sitting in gridlocked jams, needed her information to understand the delays or to find the alternate routes. Life on the ground was made easier because of Linda's airborne perspective. Perspective dictated direction.

Everyone who was tuned into her reports heard the same information from the "*up above eyewitness*" but not everyone believed or heeded the information. Some had to find out for themselves.

In a parallel teaching moment, it sort of sounds like the response that some have to God's Word. Even Jesus was frustrated at such unbelief which fostered inaction and bigger problems down the road. Some, in their hearts, just didn't trust His Word or His perspective. A word of advice, hearing and doing are real big issues with Him.

This perspective came from God Himself. Ephesians Chapter 1 clearly states that God *"raised Him from the dead...and set Him in heavenly places...far above all principality and power"*. That is great but it gets better.

The beautiful colors and lines burst into a gorgeous, vivid perspective when, in the next chapter, we get invited to the party. *"Even when we (that's us) were dead... Christ raised us up together with Christ and made us to sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus"*. Think I'll break into song, *"I can see clearly now...it's gonna be bright, bright sunshiny day!"*

I really like that *"together"* part. It clearly guides my perspective and it certainly comes in handy when the stuff on ground level seems to have me trapped at an overwhelming standstill.

In this *"Earth Journey"*, the only way to keep our faith strong and our vision sharp is to climb up into that Heavenly Perspective seat; you'll love the view.

Till next time, keep looking down!

Michael

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