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Devotional  
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## **PERSPECTIVE**, by *Bev Peters*

Dear Friends,

Friday night found my husband and me at a movie. Let me set the stage. It's New Years Day. During early afternoon we pondered the idea of seeing a newly released film. Langley Colossus is closest to where we live, so we checked out the show times. The first showing passed and we still hadn't made up our minds. Then the second passed... After an early supper my husband went to the computer and pre-bought tickets to the third show. At about a half an hour before it was to start we left our home. To our surprise the parking lot was rather full. But there are lots of theaters so no worries. Then we got inside where there wasn't an inch of space because of all the people standing in line for tickets... But, wait, we had pre-bought our tickets so pushing our way through the crowds we went directly to Theater #4 (with a smirk of smugness I must admit). It was now 5 minutes before the movie was to start, and what did we find upon entering Theater #4 ?????

We had no need to pay the extra money for the IMAX 3D experience; we were one with the screen. We had no need to smuggle in popcorn; my stomach was a breath away from emptying its contents. We had no need of my prescription glasses that make everything bigger; we needed glasses to make everything smaller. BECAUSE THE ONLY SEATS LEFT WERE IN THE FRONT TWO ROWS!!!

I honestly can't say whether the movie was good or not. It was all a blur. And that my friends, is what I learned on my 3 month sabbatical. Life is all about perspective.

We can allow the closeness of something to become the only thing we focus on, which in turn affects what we do and think and think we can do.

And circumstances don't have to be dire for our perspective to be off. Even while away from the challenges of ministry because of my sabbatical, I experienced periods of deep insecurity and hopelessness. As I was wallowing in self-pity God suggested I memorize Scripture. So for the last 2 months I have been writing out whole chapters from different books of the Bible. The result – God is changing my perspective. There is nothing new about seeing the good and the bad through God's eyes in order to live in a state of rest and faith, but it sure was a necessary reminder for me. I love the first 2 verses of **Psalm 91**.

**Those who live in the shelter of the Most High will find rest in the shadow of the Almighty. This I declare about the Lord: He alone is my refuge, my place of safety; he is my God and I trust him.**

How would I view the world if I looked out at it while safely tucked under God's shelter and shadow? Would it seem less scary, less all about me? Oh that I would have God's perspective in every area of my life. That is my greatest need for 2010. That is my earnest prayer.

Because out of my perspective will come what I do and think and think I can do.

Blessings from Bev (It's great to be back)



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