

## Moments

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As many of you know I am in total awe of the concept of time when looking at how man calculates time and how God looks at time. The phrase I heard from the pulpit one Sunday morning still resonates with me. "An emergency in your time does not necessarily mean an emergency in God's time." I am reminded that time is a precious blessing and if we are enough, sometimes a moment can indeed last forever. If we could only adjust our thinking to this fact, then a moment could last a lifetime and living in that moment would be well, truly special. I believe we've all done it, even when we didn't know it.

The question of the day is can you imagine a moment lasting a lifetime? My point and what I'm trying to get at is the reality of faith that knowing God is forever. Have you ever had a moment when you found out something was absolutely true? Can you remember the moment you fell in love with someone, when you knew there was no Santa Claus or when you found out somebody didn't love you? It probably didn't happen over a period of time. More than likely, it happened in the blink of an eye, a touch of a hand, a smile, a hug, a glance, maybe just remembering a series of events. Whatever it was, I'm sure the "knowing" manifested itself as instant conviction when you became aware of the real deal. If you could capture that moment and hold on to it, then you would begin to see what I'm talking about. If you could measure time in that moment, I believe you might see a little of what eternity might look like.

Time passes but that moment lasts forever. It remains in your mind from a positive point of view, fond memories; from a negative, it can be haunting nightmares. We are taught that God loved us before we even existed (in our conscious time), that is, before we were born. God's love for his people is a universal truth. His faithfulness cannot be questioned. I would like to take a moment and try to illustrate what happens in that moment that we try to be faithful back to Him. Wouldn't it be awesome to live in the moment of your own salvation? I mean stay in the exact moment that you found the Lord. I can't speak for your experience, but I know mine was incredibly deep. For an instant, for one fleeting moment, I knew without question that God was the answer to everything. I knew that I knew that I knew. The emotional turmoil that followed was overwhelming. Guilt, sorrow, anxiety, helplessness, fear and above all love, all, came down

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on me at the same time. To be honest, it scared the hell out of me and heaven took its place. They say when you're about to die, your life flashes before your eyes. I'm here to witness to you that the same thing happens when you're saved. Your old life flashes before you in preparation for the new one to come. It really is a joyful experience. Lest I digress, back to my original question. Can you imagine a moment lasting a lifetime? If you can look into the moment of your own salvation, I believe it's the first step towards comprehending the difference between God's time and your own. I know I'm on thin ice here but that moment of salvation gives such insight into the meaning of faith. How long does it take for a thought to occur? How long does it take to replace a lie with the truth? One might say in no time at all or some might say time is irrelevant. I choose to believe that time, God's time, is forever, here and now at this very moment. In order for me to make sense to myself on this, I just try to remember the moment of my own salvation and know that it was in the makings forever. Remember your own faithlessness? Now concentrate on your moment of faithfulness. May God bless and keep you always.