



April 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> found many of us attending a lady's conference Come Alive in the Valley, at our second home Shady Shores Baptist Church. God spoke through Samantha Lowdermilk in a powerful way. For those that were blessed to attend, I have NO doubt that you were blessed!! My thoughts are that perhaps we should hold a "post conference - conference" and share how the Holy Spirit spoke to you through Samantha. How have you come alive??

The Gideon Study was also life changing. I believe instead of closing the book or the conference we NEED to plan to get together and share and continue to grow! For those of you that were unable to attend one or both, please prayerfully consider joining us as we get together to share the powerful things God is doing in each of our lives. One of the comments that Samantha made was "To overcome Satan, I must share what God had done in my life." Would it not be awesome for us to get together to share God's goodness and mercy in our lives??

So.. I've been praying about what God wanted me to share ... for 3 months!! I started typing what I thought He was speaking to my heart last night and went to bed ... I'm going to be perfectly honest stressed and somewhat frustrated as the words and the message just did not come together. This morning, my first appointment was about an hour ½ away, enough time to listen to one of my favorite podcasts. God brought it ALL together.. He is NEVER early, NEVER late... ALWAYS on time... Another subject Samantha shared was God keeps our tears in a bottle - Psalm 56:8.

So, the podcast today about the story of Jesus walking on the water. Speaking of walking, I have walked with Jesus for 40 years and have never seen this.. perhaps I'm slow :) So Mark 6:45 tells that Jesus made his disciples get into the boat and go ahead of Him to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd.

So Jesus went up on the mountainside to pray.. (vs 47) He **saw** that the disciples were "in trouble". Ties in to He keeps our tears in a bottle doesn't it? Jesus saw that they were in trouble - no where does it say that He jumped off the mountain and RAN... no He waited and walked.

Most of us can agree that our greatest growth comes through difficult heart wrenching times. GOD **ALWAYS** shows up.. He is NEVER early, He is NEVER late! Treasure those moments that you see Him walking on water (the river of your tears?) but most importantly do not hide these precious times in your heart but be willing to share these times with others. In doing so God will receive the Glory and not Satan in this difficult time in your life!

My heart is filled with anticipation as we look to Him!

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