

We Will See Clearly

Our board of directors meets three times each year, and we typically gather for dinner the evening before the official meetings begin. While together at a local restaurant, a board member sitting next to me shared

that she just received a text from her son. He instructed her to go outside—now!

Something remarkable was happening. He sent a photo to explain. It was a dazzling, colorful capture of the Aurora Borealis, which is not usually seen in the United States, apart from Alaska. Her son was just minutes away from us, and we were optimistic that it might still be visible. It wasn't. I continued looking on the drive home, but my efforts were not rewarded.

The next day my social media feed was filled with two types of posts. There were friends who shared amazingly similar photos taken in nearby towns as well as other states, displaying vibrant waves and spikes of greens and blues and purples. And then there were other friends whose posts shared an experience that matched mine. They ran outside, looked and looked—and nothing.

I have since learned that human eyes can't see all of the colors of aurora since they don't detect color in the dark. Cameras can see the full spectrum of light since they let more light into the lens. Through the image generated by the camera, we can see what our eyes would be able to see if they had better vision in dim light.

It reminds me of the words of Paul to the Corinthians in chapter 13:

"Now we see only a dim likeness of things. It is as if we were seeing them in a foggy mirror. But someday we will see clearly. We will see face to face. What I know now is not complete. But someday I will know completely, just as God knows me completely." (NirV)

Be encouraged by what the Spirit reveals to you in Scripture. Imagine what it will be like when our eyes behold God's grand design and glory with perfect clarity!

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