

## "LIFE THROUGH THE LENS"



### LESSONS FROM MR PANTS #3 THE LOOK SAYS IT ALL.

Words are unnecessary. The look says it all.

How often in life have we been affected by "a look"? A friendly smile that comes from the eyes. The questioning, "Really?" with a raised eyebrow. The disinterested eyes scanning the horizon behind your head. The furrowed brow supporting the question, "Is there something I can do to help?" or the all too often scowl driving hurt, anger, judgment and a multitude of other emotions, none of them uplifting or loving.

There is a well-known saying "The eye is the window of the soul." We can use words of care or love but if the look does not back up the words they are worthless.

I have spoken with people who fear God hates them. From all I know of the God of the Bible, this is not true. There are actions, attitudes and words which God clearly says he hates. Whatever causes hurt, distention, and anger between people or communities God frowns upon, but toward people it is only ever a look that says "I so love you!" Check out **John 3:16**, probably the best-known piece of writing in the world.

Are you hesitant to trust him and his love? Do you judge yourself as "unworthy" of his love? To you, his look begs, "Come to me, tell me your fears, your troubles, why you think I could not love you and you will not see a frown, but a smile. That is my nature. That is who I am!"

Jesus, God's Son, showed how much God loves people (including you) and where there is love there is always a smile, not a frown or scowl.

Christian worship services often finish with these words:  
"The LORD bless (**smile on**) you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine (**smile**) on you and be gracious to you (**give you a smile**); the LORD turn his face toward you (**with a smile**) and give you peace." (**Numbers 6:24-26**) The brackets are my inclusions because I firmly believe them and you can too.

May you always enjoy and recognise God's love in your life.

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