

"LIFE THROUGH THE LENS"



BENEATH THE SURFACE

I'm not sure why I dropped the piece of garlic clove into the glass of water, but as I watched, something unexpected happened. Bubbles started to form on the surface of the garlic. It was as if the piece of vegetable sitting on the windowsill for a long time was suddenly bleeding air/gas through its dry, parchment-like skin. As the bubbles of air floated and collected on top of the water, it occurred to me, "That dry-looking piece of garlic had probably been doing that all along, and only when circumstances changed it became apparent.

Sometimes, believing in God and His Love can be like that piece of garlic. We can go through the daily motions of living, almost like sitting on the windowsill, believing what someone has said or reading about this God of Love. We are told He is genuine, alive, and loves us, but it may appear (even to ourselves) that nothing much is happening or changing, and it looks as if we are continuing to "Just sit on the windowsill".

However!

God can quietly work away in your life; you may not know He is silently causing a change. As you ask questions about him, genuinely searching for answers, He could be causing a shift in attitude. He works through the words you read or hear from the Bible (His Word). An act of Love toward you from an unexpected source, or a feeling of unexpected compassion building in yourself toward another and their needs, is God and His Love bringing change. He tells us in **1 John 4:7**, "Love comes from God". Also, believe this, "For it is God who works in you, both to want to do and to work for what makes Him happy" (**Ephesians 2:13**). And what makes Him happy? Trust Him, learn about him, talk to Him, listen to Him and share His forgiving Love around.

God's Love can change our lives without us even thinking about it. Sometimes, we have to be "dropped" into a new situation for the changes God has been working through our life to come to the surface, be seen and cause wonder and praise to a God of Love who is always bringing about change in people's lives; in our life. Often, when God's work in our life bubbles to the surface, it may appear to be a small change, a kind word of encouragement, a helping hand, and sometimes it can be "life-changing" for you or someone else, but recognise God **HAS** been working in your life, thank Him and talk to Him about it.

I pray you have a life with many "bubbles" in it.

Kevin.