

God of the Unexpected

I'm always amazed by how God moves and ministers in ways we can never fathom. He is a God of the unexpected. This past weekend I was invited to speak for a women's luncheon and stay to preach at the church on Sunday morning. God always has different messages for different congregations, and I always seek to hear exactly what He would have me share with each one.

This weekend was no different. I had prayed and prayed for direction on what He would have me to share with this particular congregation. I seemed to hear nothing but crickets! Then I finally felt impressed in my Spirit to share the same sermon I had preached at a service earlier in the week. Hesitantly, I took out my notes from the previous service and looked over them in preparation for Sunday morning.

As I stepped onto the platform and began to preach, the Holy Spirit used the same bare bones structure for the sermon. But, then He stepped in and took me in a totally different direction than I had intended to go. As He led me, I found myself sharing things I had never planned on sharing and things that were certainly not in my notes.

I love when the Holy Spirit does that. He knew exactly what He had planned for that congregation, whether I expected it or not. I had envisioned a totally different outcome for that service that morning. But He just wanted me to follow His lead. I wasn't expecting what He did in the altar service either. He showed up in a powerful way, evidenced by signs and wonders.

His plans were totally unexpected, but they were absolutely perfect! I wonder how many times we miss amazing blessings because we are not expecting what He has planned? Do we get so

caught up in our own plans that we don't realize when He changes directions and begins to lead us in another direction?

I'm learning the importance of completely leaning on Him and allowing Him to upset my own plans and intentions more than ever before. I love seeing Him move in unexpected ways. I have heard report after report about how God ...

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