



Last Friday night my travels found me in the city of Talladega, Alabama. The time was about 7:30 and a large full moon creeps up over the dark horizon. Immediately I begin to wonder what I can photograph in this old town on such a beautiful night. Although there is much that can stir the spirit in this town, where do I find myself on this dazzling night? A silent cemetery!

I love to do night time photography and this was a perfect night. Look at this photo and you can see between the statues an airplane with its lights streaking red. In the dark corners of the night sky you can spot the stars and on the ground are the shadows thrown from a full moon. In the trees to the left you can see the results of a street light shining and casting its hot yellow glow.

Now I know some of you might question the sanity of a person who is spending a Friday night in a dark, deserted cemetery. And I know those who know me question my sanity quite often. But I am here to tell you that we can all find many wonderful things in unexpected places, we are often surprised by the most unanticipated people and our happiness does not depend on where we are, but on how we live our life. If you determine in your heart to find good wherever you go, then everywhere you go, you can be find something to treasure and things of beauty.

How ironic, in the town that houses the Alabama institute for the deaf and blind, I find myself on a dark Friday night praying for better vision, for the ability to see the good in a world of darkness; Praying for the courage, wisdom and guidance to look in the unexpected places of

my life for the opportunities to bring a light to those who are sitting in darkness. What about you? What are you looking for? Where are you looking? Start today and look in the unexpected places of your life for the overlooked blessings all around you.

Something to think about:

- ❖ If you know I only send what is for your good, you will see all things good and will know it passes through My love as it comes to you.
- ❖ We should not be upset when unexpected and upsetting and discouraging things happen. God in his wisdom means to make something of us which we have not yet attained and is dealing with us accordingly.
- ❖ Give me the ability to see good things in unexpected places and talents in unexpected people.
- ❖ It is when we are out of options that we are most ready for God's surprises.
- ❖ The hopeful man sees success where others see failure, sunshine where others see shadows and storm.

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