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## SEEING THE GOOD

The story is told that in certain metal production factories there exists a hole through which the metallurgist views the refining process. It is called the “glory hole,” I am told. What a great name for this small, yet important viewing point in the creation of steel and other metals. It allows the metal worker to keep an eye on everything, and then at just the right point, when all is ready, the final product can come forth.

In our walk through the Christian church year calendar, we now find ourselves in the season of Lent. It is a time of refining. It is a time of self-examination, and a time to look to what our Lord did for us on the cross. That moment on the cross was a “glory hole” moment for our Heavenly Father.

It was on that Good Friday afternoon, He looked down, and while yet seeing His own Son dying on a cross—He saw the glory of it all. He saw salvation accomplished. He saw sin conquered. He saw the joy in the midst of all the pain and suffering. In so much bad, God saw that which is good. Through so much pain, He brought comfort and hope for His people for all of eternity. What a moment of glory!



Do we as parents always see the good in tough situations in our families? We most likely do not. Because of our sinfulness and inadequate human nature, we miss seeing the possible good that can come out of the bad. Do we only see . . .

- the milk that was spilled; and not the growing responsible (yet somewhat clumsy) child holding the carton?
- the Bs and Cs on the report card; and forget that only a short while ago, they were Ds and Fs?
- the bent car fender; but not the newfound awareness of safety, and caution in the maturing teen driver?
- our spouse as way too busy in attending to others; and not realizing or appreciating all she or he has done for me over the years?

These and so many other situations are the narrative of families in everyday life. It is not your intention or mine to miss and overlook the good, but it happens. So often the few mishaps along the way distract us from seeing a greater good. We need a family “glory hole” by which to see all of these “oops” and “uh-oh’s” that occur, and realize the refining process that is going on in the lives of children and our entire family.

This refinement process is the story of Lent leading to Good Friday. But it doesn’t end there! As we know Good Friday is followed by Easter. The open tomb is one “glory hole” that can help us forget about pain and suffering. It allows us to focus on all that is now good, because of the pain and suffering that Jesus went through for us.

May we find the “glory holes” of hope everyday-in our family members, in our loved ones and within our homes.

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