

God Showed Up

The blockbuster movie *Forrest Gump* brought in a truckload of awards when it was released in 1995 – including Academy Awards for best picture, best actor, best director, best screenplay based on previously produced or published material, best film editing, and best visual effects.

Isn't life just like a box of chocolates?

There's a great scene in the movie where a disillusioned former lieutenant asks the main character, Forrest Gump, where his God happened to be in their time of need. Despite their best intentions, the shrimping business just wasn't panning out for them. Gump replied as only he would, "It's funny he said that, because right then, God showed up."

You may know the rest of the story. It's at that point in the movie when a storm hits and leaves the rest of the local fishing industry in shambles except, of course, for the two men's business. They keep plugging right along and finally strike it big. Eventually, the disillusioned friend even seems to make his peace with God.



Most of us aren't going to strike it rich in the shrimp business, but that's okay. God is still on our side. It's not just in our times of need that God shows up, and He's not just around when things are going as well as they possibly could. He is always there for us on good days, bad days, and in-between days, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

We need to recognize His ever-present kindness and direction in our lives. There are times when our prayers seem to just bounce off the ceiling, but that's not what's really happening. He's there.

And we can learn to see Him and trust Him to answer our prayers in His perfect way and time.

I will never leave you or forsake you (Hebrews 13:5).

– Beecher Hunter