

Your Personal Eclipse

My wife's a smart lady! Sometimes I get so absorbed in something I'm reading, that I neglect her. At those times, Eleanor knows how to attract my attention. She steps between the light and the book I'm reading. Her shadow darkens the page and alerts me that she wants attention.

Dark times teach things we can't learn in the light. During one eclipse, scientists discovered the element helium. Another time, they discovered Einstein was right – that gravity bends light.

What about you? Are you having a personal eclipse? Have you lost a job? Or have you lost a friendship that was the center of your universe? What can you learn when something you relied on is obscured or extinguished?

Have you been neglecting God? Is He using a shadow to get your attention? Is he taking away the glitz and the distractions, to demonstrate that he is the only dependable one? Can he use your personal eclipse as a reminder that he – and only he – is “our refuge and strength, a very present help in the time of trouble”? (Psalm 46:1).

What does God want to teach you through “your personal eclipse”?