

ATTITUDE AND PERSPECTIVE

A young bride of an American soldier followed her Army husband to his duty station base on the edge of a California desert. The only housing they could find was a run-down shack near an Indian village. The heat was unbearable in the daytime and not a whole lot better at night. When her husband was ordered to some extended time away on maneuvers, loneliness and the living conditions got the best of her. She wrote to her mother that she was coming home. She couldn't take it anymore.

In a short time, she received a reply which included these two lines: "Two men looked through prison bars, one saw mud, the other saw stars." She read the lines over and over and began to feel ashamed of herself, not being grateful for a roof over her head, plenty of food to eat, and the freedom she had to come and go. So, she decided to look for the stars. She began to make some friends among the nearby Indian tribe and took weaving and pottery classes. She found the friendlier she became, the friendlier the people of the tribe became. They shared history and culture together. Eventually, the young bride asked her mom to send her books about the desert. She began to become an expert on desert life, people, and plants. As a matter of fact, she learned so much she decided to write a book about it and make her Indian neighbors her back-up family.

What changed? Not the desert, not her neighbors, nor her address. What changed was her attitude about her life. She had transformed a miserable experience into a highly rewarding one. Attitude made all the difference! "Your attitude should be the same as Christ Jesus." (Philippians 2:5)

In Christ Love,
Pastor Mike

Prayer: Donna Clickenger (rehabbing), Glenna Stanley (hospital severe flu), A friend who doesn't know Jesus

Events:

Sunday, 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Bible Study "War, Rumors of Wars and the Return of Christ". Still room for you. This week: All about Islam and it's connection to Israel.