



# REFLECTIONS

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**But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day.**

*2 Peter 3:8*

## Picture of Now

From the driver's seat my dad could see far into the distance. From there the road ahead followed into the horizon, and the panorama revealed trees decorating the hillsides, crops growing in the fields, and cattle grazing in the pastures. From the driver's seat storm clouds could be seen gathering long before they threatened the skies, and the sun setting well before the coming of dusk. It was a picture of now, and it reached into timelessness even as the car consumed the present a little bit at a time in its journey toward the upcoming.

But the view from the backseat was quite different. As a young boy riding there, the seat in front of me blocked my view of the world ahead. I could see the world only through the side windows. And from the side view, the road ahead became scarcely visible, and the scenes of the present were not lingering. Rather they whizzed past allowing but a blurry glimpse at their vastness and beauty.

But up front my dad sat in the driver's seat. From there he could see everything coming up as it moved ever so slowly toward us. With his longer view, he could prepare for turns in the road, storm clouds rising, or the brilliance of the setting sun. He had a picture of now far beyond mine. But with Daddy in the driver's seat, there was no need to worry. I trusted him to take me safely home.

Sometimes it seems that travel through this world is like a child riding in the backseat with little visibility to see the road ahead. All one can see from there are scenes of the present whizzing by with little time to grasp their vastness or their beauty. But God is in the driver's seat. From his heavenly throne, He can see turns in the road we never expect and storm clouds gathering long before they reach our sight. God has a longer view. His picture of now reaches into timelessness even as our world consumes the present a little bit at a time in its journey toward the upcoming. But of one thing we can all be sure.

If we trust in him, God will take us safely home.

*You are the light of the world,*

*Richard +*

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