

## “Is this the right way?!”

By Roberto Bruno

It is hard to believe that summer is coming to an end. School is starting for many and so it is back to the old routine. Back to sitting in class, hearing the teacher, doing tests, turning in homework, or as my son Amadeus puts it “*Back to the torture!*” ☺ For some of us we enjoy the familiarity of our daily routine. The alarm goes off at the same time everyday. We eat the same breakfast. We drive the same route. Our life is safe and predictable.

Many people treat their relationship with God like a routine. In truth, there is nothing wrong with having your prayer or study time the same hour everyday. We must realize though we cannot put God into a routine. We make the mistake by thinking that God is predictable. “*For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways,*” says the LORD. “*For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts.*” Isaiah 55:8-9. God is multifaceted we could never know all His ways. With God we need to expect the unexpected. Just because God moved or healed in a certain way in the past it doesn’t mean He’ll take the same route every time.

The Bible tells us that Jesus restored the sight to several blind men but He didn’t do it the same way on each occasion. To one man, Jesus spit into the man’s eyes (*Mark 8:23*). On another occasion Jesus spit on the ground and made mud then wiped the mud in the man’s eyes (*John 9:6*). At a different time, Jesus spoke to the blind man and his sight was restored (*Mark 10:52*).

If we are waiting for prayers to be answered, we mustn’t frustrate ourselves by expecting God to move like the last time. Rest assured your prayers are being heard. “*...The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man (person) avails much.*” James 5:16.

So! Fasten your seat belts and wait and watch for the extraordinary route God is going to take in your life.

