The phrase Hindsight is 20/20 originated from the practice of Optometry (which is the profession that studies the eyes and vision) - and according to Google, it dates back to the mid-1900s. The phrase stems from the fact that the past is seen with perfect clarity and understanding. The ability to see and understand the past is obvious, because, the past has already happened and it's easily understood.

As we have just celebrated the start of our new year-2021, perhaps the phrase - 2020 is Hindsight - may be more appropriate for us. It's hindsight for us because it's past and aren't we glad it is?! Many of us couldn't wait for 2020 to end. Most of us agree that 2020 has been a trying and most difficult year. Every single one of us has been affected by 2020 in one way or another, and some of us have been affected in many ways. Has it been difficult? Of course! Frustrating? Absolutely and even depressing at times!! 2020 is in the past for us now. It has already happened; but understood? Of course not! The Coronavirus garnered most of the attention in 2020. It seems every day we were, and still are, overwhelmed with new statistics, death tolls, told where to get a Covid-19 test and how long to quarantine for. We all know people who have had Covid-19 or have it now. As human beings, of course we don't understand how or why this happened – BUT – if we know the LORD, then we know the ONE WHO does know and understand. We trust that HE has everything under control, even when it appears that everything is out of control. Psalm 9:9-10 states that: The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. Those who know your name trust in you, for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you. It’s comforting to know that God is always – in-the-know. He is never caught off guard, surprised or even shocked. He knew about 2020 before the foundations of the earth were laid. He knows all about 2021 and way beyond that. Isaiah 40:28 says: Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary and his understanding no one can fathom. We have no idea what 2021 holds for us, but what we do know is Who holds 2021.

Hindsight may be 20/20, and our 2020 may be hindsight, but God’s sight is perfect! As Proverbs 15:3 promises: The eyes of the Lord are in every place, keeping watch on the evil and the good. How awesome to know that the God of the universe never loses sight of us.

May your 2021 be full of God sightings! Happy New Year!!

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