

is pretty much a wide open space and it reminded her of creation, of how God had all this nothingness, this open space, to work with and spoke everything into being. It struck me that the desert places in our lives (the loneliness, the endless search for a job, the difficult relationship(s), etc.) give God plenty of room to create something out of nothing. We do our best to make something out of cacti, roadrunners, and tumbleweeds, or sometimes we've become so comfortable with the desert parts of our lives that we aren't seeking an oasis. But what a relief that our creating God isn't limited by our piddly vision and meager resources. You'll know it is God changing your perspective if and when you begin viewing stuff like deserts as opportunities to be embraced rather than a cause for despair.

In conclusion, I challenge you: If you've gotten stuck in spiritual workaholicism and

self reliance, in trying to figure everything out on your own, repent. It's that easy. Ask God for a new revelation of Jesus. And as He reveals Himself to you, may you find yourself relaxing in His presence, knowing that He is for you, in you, He surrounds you. That this is His story, not yours. He's got the leading role, He's in the spotlight. And you, my friend, are invited to make your home in the Shadow of the Almighty, on stage but behind the scenes. What a huge relief.

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ALUMNI HAPPENINGS

MARRIAGES

Rebekah Schultz (R 02) married Jacob Siefert on July 7, 2007.

Sarah Mast (R 02, 05) married Zach Garber on August 12, 2007.

Crystal Dornburg (R 02) married Daniel DiGiacomo on October 20, 2007

Brandon Troyer (R 05) & Monica Miller (R 05) were married on September 29, 2007.

BIRTHS

Keith & Melissa (Moon, R 98) Haarer had a baby girl, Keira Noelle, on August 2, 2007.

Jeff & Ruth (Yoder, R 97) Ebersole had a baby girl, Christiana Sue, on March 7, 2007.

Robert (R 03) & Jessica (DiGennaro, R 98, 00) Satterfield had a baby girl, Saffron Sky, on October 9, 2007.

Aram (R 98 S 01) & Debbie DiGennaro had a baby boy, Shadrach Stephen, on September 30, 2007.

Kevin & Kristin Bucher (R 99) had a baby girl, Malia Rose, on October 14, 2007.