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We can glean insights from God through parallel examples.

There are two kinds of parallel examples.

The Bible is written as an example for us. The stories and characters in the Bible give us insights into life as it is and as it should or could be. The power of the Biblical narratives is the presence and intimate interactions of the Lord with people.

The Biblical stories show us that God always enters our life and meets us where we are. He guides and instructs us “on the go” while we live our everyday life. He uses what is available in our life at the time and brings resources that we are not aware of.

As you read the stories of Abraham, Moses, Esther, prophets, the stories from Judges and 1 and 2 Kings, and many others, you may find parallels in your current situation. When you do, pay closer attention to those stories.

What are some similarities between their situations and yours? What did they do? What was the result? What are some principles you see at work in the lives of Biblical characters? How was God at work in their life?

Keep in mind that the Biblical stories are descriptive, meaning they are telling you what happened. They may be examples of what NOT to do, examples not to be followed.

Another parallel examples that can bring insights from God are testimonies.

Testimonies are your sharing with others your first-hand experience with God. It can be as simple as how a Scriptural passage you read spoke to you and as large as how God brought healing to your body or to your relationship. Testimonies glorify God by telling others how wonderful God is.

You may find parallel examples in the testimonies others give. Just like the stories and characters in the Bible, these testimonies may give you valuable insights into who God is and what he does. As you witness to how God has worked in other people’s situation and circumstance similar to yours, you can ask the Holy Spirit for insights into your situation and align your reality to his truth.