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I need to know: How do we live out our faith in the midst of the “busyness” of business?

I recently received a return email from a friend who questioned the difficulty in hearing God’s will. In a previous e-couragement it appeared as if I thought it was easy. In the flesh it is not only hard, it is impossible. In the spirit it is hard at first and easier as the spirit leads and the flesh comes under submission. Most of us in leadership are “doers, movers and shakers” and consequently we can operate out of our own abilities and often do. Then when all hell breaks loose, it appears the gates of hell are winning and we fall back. In these instances I need to know; I need to know His will not mine; I need to know what I should do, how I should respond and how I can lead.



But waiting until all hell breaks loose, while usually the impetus we need to change our ways, is the worst way to approach the King for answers. He is not some distant authority sitting on a throne in heaven waiting to see us when we get home. He is in the battle, not with us, but battling for us. The question then becomes how do I hear, how do I abide and how can I make this my normal operating procedure rather than my back-up plan? How do I walk so close to the King that I can hear Him whisper?

Right now I have decisions that must be made that will affect many other people and I need to know what His will is regarding those decisions. Every day some of us face the same dilemmas, sometimes it is because we face a crisis and other times it is because an enormous opportunity has opened before us. How do I decide His good pleasing and perfect will? Obviously it must come from the midst of the dwelling in Him, right?

“In his book, Sidetracked in the Wilderness, Michael Wells affirms, ‘Abundant life is not something to work for, but rather is something to work from. My acceptance is not based on what I do but rather on what I am. Abundant life does not require that I imitate Jesus, but rather that I participate in His life; it does not require that I work to believe, but that I work because I believe’ (p. 14).”

Aha! My breakthrough! I have been trying to “do” from the position that it is up to me to imitate the King I am committed to yet the King says it is up to me to let Him do it through me. I have been so predisposed to be the leader that I have not fully vested my identity in Him. If I seek first the kingdom, all other things are in His hands. Why would I try to imitate Him and His ways when I can dwell in Him and allow His ways to lead me? My work is not going to get it done. It is not going to come up with the right answers. It is not going to lead to greater submission and dependence on Him; on the indwelling Spirit of the King.

Born again is either true or false. I am either dead to the flesh or not. If I am, and the King of it all, the one with all of the answers, has decided to allow me to dwell in His identity, why would I think I bring anything of worth to the equation? Do you need an answer right now? Is it time to stop working so hard to imitate Christ and instead work because you believe in and trust Him to lead. Know your identity and know your authority in Him. Know your position, your role and your responsibility, much like your job description, and know that under His authority, you can do all things...through the King.

“Lord, help me to abide and to work because I believe, because I know my “new identity” in you. I am to follow you as King, not to try to mimic your life. I cannot bring anything in the flesh, but can live fully through your spirit. Lord please, open my eyes, my ears and my heart. Let me abide in you this day forth. I need to know. Amen.”

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