

High speed living

This morning on the way to work myself and someone else drove through heavy rains. As we were going along steadily we were discussing the people that tend to speed in the rain.

First I said, you know people are used to driving a certain way and probably don't even look at their speedometers to realize that their cars are going a bit faster with the same "effort" due to the wet roads and less friction etc. etc..

Then I said, "You know I also think some people without realizing it drive a bit faster as in the back of their minds they think they can outdrive the storm, while they can't really outdrive it as it's raining all around and it's better to just get through this slower and safer..." And then it hit me... And my next words were "there's a teaching in there..."

And my mind started going about this... About how we "speed up" in life to try and get through "the storm", how we tend to think if we do more, go faster, stay busy we will get through a season quicker, get to our emotional and spiritual destination quicker and get to avoid the "bumpy ride" of the process.

While the opposite is true...

Psalm 46:10 *Let be {and} be still, and know (recognize and understand) that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations! I will be exalted in the earth!*

We often strive and struggle and run because we do not get that yet... God is God... The more still we stand before Him the quicker He can work in our hearts, the quicker He can renew our minds, the quicker He can heal us, shape us and mould us into who He says we are meant to be.

We run so much, strive so much...

Some people run from one relationship to the next, one work to the next, one church to the next, striving, trying to escape the moulding process, the breaking down and building up process... thinking their "getting somewhere" ...

While God is saying "Be still and know that I AM God. "

God says His name is "I AM".. He doesn't need a reason for existence or to explain Himself He just is...

And I think about this and the fact that God knew me before the world began, that He decided who and what I should be, what potential He will sit in me etc. *before the world began.*

And that the more time I spend with I AM the more I will know who I am, not who my insecurities, misconceptions, fears, pride etc. says I should be, but who does I AM say I am, when He looked at what He was going to form before the world began and said, "You will be" " ... that person I can become when I become quiet before God instead of running and struggling and striving, that is who I want to be...

The more I stand and honestly say to the Lord...

(Psalm 139:1-7) O LORD, you have searched me [thoroughly] and have known me. ² You know my downsitting and my uprising; You understand my thought afar off. ³ You sift {and} search out my path and my lying down, and You are acquainted with all my ways. ⁴ For there is not a word in my tongue [still unuttered], but, behold, O Lord, You know it altogether. ⁵ You have beset me {and} shut me in--behind and before, and You have laid Your hand upon me. ⁶ Your [infinite] knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high above me, I cannot reach it. ⁷ Where could I go from Your Spirit? Or where could I flee from Your presence?

And the more I keep on praying...

(Psalm 139:23-24) Search me [thoroughly], O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! ²⁴ And see if there is any wicked {or} hurtful way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

The more I can come to who I am meant to be... one day at a time...

Now think on this... ponder on this one question for a while.... How many years are you willing to waste by running and striving and struggling before you just decide to do the only thing that will bring a lasting change, to be still?

Selah...

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