

ALL IN TO BUILD FOR OUR FUTURE

“The God of heaven Himself will prosper us: therefore we His servants will arise and build...So we built...for the people had a mind to work. A good person leaves an inheritance for their children’s children...” **Nehemiah 2:20; 4:6; Proverbs 13:22**
(NKJV)



This Week’s Thought – July 16, 2017

“Harmony is as refreshing as the dew from Mount Hermon that falls on the mountains of Zion. And there the Lord has pronounced his blessing, even life everlasting.” Psalm 133:3 (NLT)

Harmony is heaven’s high goal for earthly interactions. Harmony brings out the best in others, disharmony brings out the worst. Harmony seeks first to know the heart of another, disharmony only wants its own way. Harmony is motivated by selfless love, disharmony is driven by selfish ambition. Harmony seeks to serve, disharmony expects to be served. Harmony has a transparent agenda, disharmony conceals a hidden agenda. Harmony is humble, disharmony proud.

David, as the new king of Israel, probably penned these words as he sought to unify a divided nation of 12 diverse tribes. The former shepherd reminds His people of the Great Shepherd’s blessing that rests on harmonious hearts. Majestically described as refreshing mountain dew, it brings life and beauty to all drenched in its life giving liquid. When a soul suffers in a heated valley of discouragement and disharmony, the Lord is able to rain down His cool refreshment of companionship and care on His beloved. Just as our Creator brings life and hope out of a scorched earth, even more so will He pour out His precious oil of healing on a burned out life.

“For harmony is as precious as the anointing oil that was poured over Aaron’s head, that ran down his beard and onto the border of his robe.” (Psalm 133:2)

Has disharmony hijacked a relationship because someone insists on their way as the only option? If so, take a step back and do not be sucked into an emotional response that only exasperates the situation. Evaluate instead what is behind the person’s constricted view of multiple options. Perhaps they are reacting out of fear because of a past experience that ended in a disaster; or maybe they simply misunderstand what you are trying to accomplish and they need you to patiently clarify your purpose and plan.

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Harmony hears out another, without defensive judgment. Above all else, are you at harmony with your heavenly Father’s heart? Is there anything in your heart that hinders harmonious, sweet fellowship with Jesus?

First confess your sins to Christ and gain unencumbered access to His grace to lubricate your vexing relational interactions. Seeds of discord need extraction. A heart at harmony with heaven is capable of harmony on earth, but a heart unaligned with the Almighty is set up to be out of step with fellow Jesus followers. Invite the Holy Spirit to fill and control you and compassionately pray for another to be captivated by Christ’s love. Harmony comes when two hearts are unified around the heart of God!

“How wonderful and pleasant it is when brothers live together in harmony!” (Psalm 133:1)

Prayer of reflection you might pray this week: “Dear God, I gain true peace of mind when I realize that wherever I am, and whatever I do, Your presence is always with me. I am calm and confident, and in harmony with You, as I acknowledge Your constant, unfailing protection. Whenever a situation occurs in my life that causes me to feel worried and stressful, I pause for a moment and center my full attention on You. As I focus my concentration on the truth of Your presence, I am reassured of Divine protection. Nothing can separate me from Your all-powerful presence and love. I trust in You, God, to take care of me and everything that concerns You. This is my prayer in the matchless, wonderful and compassionate name of Jesus, Amen!”

“And then God answered: “Write this. Write what you see. Write it out in big block letters so that it can be read on the run. This vision-message is a witness pointing to what’s coming. It aches for the coming—it can hardly wait! And it doesn’t lie. If it seems slow in coming, wait. It’s on its way. It will come right on time.” Habakkuk 2:2-3 (MSG)

Yours in Christ, Pastor King