

Theme for 2018

WE ARE THE ARMY OF GOD & WE ARE ARMED AND DANGEROUS!

“For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.” 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 (NIV)



This Week’s Thought – February 11, 2018

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.” John 14:27 (NIV)

Have you ever wanted God to answer all of your questions? Have you wanted Him to reveal why something happened in the past, how things will roll out in the future, or what He’s doing in the present so you could stop worrying? If so, there is a wonderful lesson from David in the Bible that will encourage you.

David knew there were some things that were just too wonderful to understand about life and God. For this reason, he chose not to worry about those things God had reserved to be mysteries.

In Psalm 131:1, he wrote: *“I do not concern myself with great matters or things too wonderful for me.”*

Because David knew God was wonderfully mysterious, he chose to harness/channel his own soul—or his mind, will, and emotions. In verse 2, he wrote:

“Surely I have calmed and quieted my soul, Like a weaned child with his mother; Like a weaned child is my soul within me.” (NKJV)

Stilling and quieting one's soul is a choice. It's centering on that believing, quiet part of yourself, away from pain-filled questions where we commune with God from a position of belief.

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One early morning, during this time of my hiatus, I began speaking to God. I didn’t ask Him any questions about any trials or circumstances, and I didn’t demand that He tell me why I had to go through or even experience any of the things that I already have or might have to in the future. Instead of asking Him, “Why?” or “How?” I confessed my love for Him, asked Him a question of surrender: “**Lord, will you please help me trust you more?**”

In those quiet moments I have been able to carve out over these past few weeks of my leave, a sweet peace would settle into my soul—a peace I imagine David experienced when he chose to believe and let go of things he didn’t understand.

When we choose to believe and relinquish what we don’t understand, when we embrace the magnificent omniscience, omnipotence and omnipresence of God, our unanswered questions will melt away in the light of His sovereignty and His love—and instead of experiencing worry, we’ll experience peace.

Are worries or questions about your future, the past or the present tormenting you? Do like David did and surrender to the mystery of God.

“Cast your cares on the LORD and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous be shaken.” (Psalm 55:22)

Application: Make a list of your concerns, then pray over each one, trusting in God and letting go of the things that are “*too wonderful*” to understand.

Words from the Master during your time of reflection this week: “Come to Me with all your weaknesses: physical, emotional, psychological, relational, financial and spiritual. Rest in the comfort of My Presence, remembering that *nothing is impossible for Me*. Pry your mind away from your problems and circumstances so you can focus your attention on Me. Recall that I am able to do immeasurably more than all you ask or imagine. The bottom line is that I am taking care of you: therefore, you needn’t be afraid of anything. Rather than trying to maintain control over your life, abandon yourself to My will.”

(Luke 1:37; Ephesians 3:20-21; Psalm 23:1-4)

“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