

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 – May 21, 2017

“And when Jesus saw great multitudes about Him, He gave a command to depart to the other side. Then a certain scribe came and said to Him, “Teacher, I will follow You wherever You go.”
Matthew 8:18-19 (NKJV)

Would you consider yourself a good follower of Christ? Do you feel like you have been consistent following His orders? When He asks you to do the uncomfortable, do you move out of your comfort zone with confidence? Compelling Christian discipleship has focused “followship” of the Master, the Lord Jesus. Where is He asking you to go that requires sacrifice and unconditional commitment? His orders do not always make sense, but they are totally trustworthy and helpful.

When He directs you to leave the noise of the crowds for the quietness of a few, do not delay. If you are obsessed by activity, you can easily lose your edge on energy and faith. When all my ‘oomph’ is consumed by serving every request and answering every call, I have no time or concentration to hear from Christ. What is He saying? This is the most important inquiry I can make. What is Jesus telling me to do? So, when I listen, I learn.

You may be in the middle of a monster season of success, so make sure your achievements do not muffle the Lord’s message. It’s when we are fast and furious that our faith becomes perfunctory and predictable. Discipleship/“followship” requires time alone to retool and recalibrate our character. People will even be willing to follow you, when they know you’ve been with Jesus.

The most difficult part may be the transition from doing less, to listening and thinking more. Where is the Lord leading you to go? Will you lag behind with excellent excuses, or will you make haste and move forward by faith?

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Go with God and He will direct you through the storms of change. He may seem silent at times, but remember, He led you to this place, and where He leads, He provides. Follow Jesus first, then go wherever He goes. You will lose people in the process, but you will gain better people for His next phase.

“Then Jesus said to his disciples, ‘If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.’” (Matthew 16:24)

Prayer of reflection you might pray this week: “Dear Lord, Your timing is always right for me. You have a plan for my life that is grander than I can imagine. When I am either slothful or impatient, remind me that You are never early or late, but You are always on time! You are my Savior and my protector. Give me the courage to trust You completely. Today, I will praise You, I will honor You, and I will live according to Your commandments. 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