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How do we interpret broken dreams and heartache and pain?

In 1 Chronicles 17:1-15 the bible reveals God's promises to King David. David had a dream that he believed to be God's plan, but God said "No!" Instead God said, "I will build a house for you!" (v. 10b) I invite us to consider the important lessons we learn, when like David we live with broken dreams and pain and sorrow. IF you have experienced the pain of a dream that you believed to be God's plan for you only to have God say "No!" then I invite you to consider David and his response. We have a lot to learn from God's denials and life's heartaches and disappointments.



I meet people nearly everyday who face the heartaches of this life. A pastor friend years ago shared with me part of his life story. He had come believe in surrender to the Lord God was calling him to the mission field. But he told me the story of being rejected over and over again.

What is your story of loss and hearache and pain? Consider David response to God's refusal in recorded in the next part of 1 Chronicles 17:16-27. I invite you to read it for yourself. "Then King David went in and sat before the Lord..." (v. 16) And so he wrote in Psalm 37:7, "be still before the Lord and wait patiently for Him... for those who wait on Him will inherit the Land" (37:9) Listen to his words of faith, "now Lord, let the promise you have made concerning your servant and his house be established forever". (1 Chronicles 17:23) **David determined to wait on the Lord and rest in God's love!**

A preacher tells the story of a visit to Paris, France, and a very famous old building quite near Notre Dame Cathedral called Sainte Chapelle, the "chapel of the saints." Sainte-Chapelle was built during the second half of 13th Century by Louis IX, the future Saint Louis, to house the relics of the Passion of Christ. Adorned with a unique collection of fifteen glass panels and a large rose window forming a veritable wall of light, Sainte-Chapelle is a gem of French gothic architecture. The outside of that building is the drabest and dirtiest thing imaginable. It is so very old, and the windows are covered with dust. But go inside (and all who visit Paris go inside Sainte-Chapelle), and when you stand looking in a certain direction, you can see the world-famous Rose Window. I doubt if there is any more beautiful stained-glass window in the world than that. You could stand there for hours spellbound by it's loveliness. In contrast when outside standing with your back to the light and you saw nothing but blackness. Inside, as you face the light streaming through the glass, you see nothing but beauty. It all depends on your point of view...

If God has said "No!" to you, with your back to the light in your failure to understand, the situation looks so dark. But IF HE has not already done so, perhaps as you meditate on these things the Lord will take you inside His heart and turn you around so that you may face the light and see the glory of His will. May God take you into His Heart and turn you so you can see HIS light.

"THE WEAVER"...

*My life is but a weaving between my Lord and me,
I cannot choose the colors He worketh steadily.
Oftimes He weaveth sorrow, And I, in foolish pride,
Forget He sees the upper, and I, the underside.
Not till loom is silent and the shuttles cease to fly
Shall God unroll the canvas and explain the reason why.
The dark threads are as needful in the weavers skillful hand
As the threads of gold and silver in the pattern He has planned!*

May God bless and give you His hope as you and I like David, determine to *wait* on the Lord and *rest* in His love!

Waiting and resting with you...Hope to see you Sunday!

Pastor Garry

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