

Contemplating the Better Thing

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We started this website Gathering At His Feet, with the unified vision of **Luke 10:38-42:**

"Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman name Martha welcomed her into her home. She had a sister Mary, who sat at Jesus' feet and heard His Word. But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone?"

Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried about many things. But one thing is needed and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken from her."

Our family has been listening to some sermons lately together and there was a recent one that left Gary and I contemplating where worship fits in our lives. We were created in the image of God so we know that God desired a relationship with us. He wants us to trust Him, love Him, communication with Him, to worship Him in spirit and in truth but He didn't make little robots to order us around and program us around. He wants us to want Him because He is good and His love for us is real and He continues to show us that He truly cares and is in control and it should give us joy to tell about Him, to give Him glory.

Our creator has gently called us and will continue to gently call us until we see Him face to face where we can rule and reign with Him.

We were contemplating what it means to sing to the Lord or about the Lord and where worship music has come as of late. The words that form certain worship songs, the different genres, and finally, the different ministries & organizations that are out there that are making millions of dollars off worship music.

Definition of worship: *the feeling or expression of reverence and adoration for a deity.*

Where does worship fall into all of this? Is what I've been contemplating. I wasn't created to lead worship – I believe I know that now. Although I have done it for years, some of you may call, text, or FB comment on this, but you can't sway me on this. I left the worship "platform" over 5 years ago. I've not had ONE IOTTA of a desire to move back into this arena. Do I see this as a place of struggle that I'm personally dealing with? I used to. Now? I'm not so sure, because for 5 years I have worshipped the Lord differently. I have adored Him and expressed reverence for Him by serving my family, by remembering to take communion with my family, by learning how to honor my husband through the face of affliction, through serving my local community and those in need and learning how to honor my parents even when life throws me curve balls. All of these things are things that Jesus said to do and so much more.

Do I love to sing? Do I love music and love to play the piano and flute – YOU BETCHA! But I've also learned that I don't want to do what's normal or status quo. Where did Jesus ever sing to God? Just asking.... He prayed, He talked, He taught, He glorified God. He told us to worship God in spirit and in truth. He didn't tell us to get up on a platform and lead people in song. I believe that when we write songs, poems, and thoughts from our heart to God out of a place where we are personally, that there will be times when we can share those with others who may be going through something similar – there are a TON of ways to encourage others – I get it, I personally – really do get it!

These are things I'm contemplating. Maybe this is to be continued.... I'm still reeling in revelation and for those who wanna chime in, I'm open for words of wisdom. ♥

1 Corinthians 12:7-11 - To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

My oldest daughter just said the following: “David sang to the Lord - but it was to the Lord not in front of a bunch of people.” Now David was a King so we know there were probably servants and people around, but I believe he was genuinely giving God glory and singing of His goodness whether people were there or not.

Blessing and may the gifts of the Holy Spirit fall on each of you accordingly as He will, in Jesus name – Amen.

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