

SNIFF IT OUT

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I was just listening to an interview with Brian and Jenn Johnson who have been leading worship and writing songs for quite a while now and Brian spoke about a dog he used to have who would go out hunting with them – looking for a bird they hadn't seen yet – smelling the air for the scent coming from the direction of the wind.

Each one of us has the ability to hear from the Lord. We are probably all still working greatly with this gift to hone it in and fine tune our attention towards the Lord on a daily basis – but oh my when we hear from the Lord! It's like treasures just dropped out of the sky! How happy that dog must be when the hunter shoots down the bird and the dog is free to go run and get this trophy and sniff it out and bring it back and get his reward of “Good Job, Good Boy or Girl!”

We are all ultimately striving for that day to hear “Well done, good and faithful servant” and part of pursuing that ending – of running that race and enduring till the end – is getting to know the voice, the very scent of our Jesus, our friend and confident, Holy Spirit moving around us and pulling us and giving us direction. At our church, people have been known to smell a scent like incense when the presence of the Lord shows up. We have to smell it out, we have to seek it out – He is faithful that when we do – when we seek Him – we will find Him.

Finding the Lord in the agenda of our day is like finding a gold mine because He will provide what we can't in any given situation. I want to encourage you today to sniff it out. Sniff out what the Lord wants is all of your need, goals, desires, and dreams.

It's crucial for us to be right behind Him, following Him, watching Him, looking for His leading – if we are following His heart – our heart will never have a chance to let us down!

Don't be afraid to learn what Your creator wants you to have or do, even if you have to wait longer – it's better than you could ever imagine and that thing that you are holding onto because you have set some kind of pattern or way up in your mind about how a thing should go.... Hmph! I'm learning more and more – that my ways and patterns and thoughts about how things should go are so much different and better when I give them to the Lord – HE is quick to show me how much more He has than me! You can never out-give, out-do, out-love, out-smart and the list goes on – God is in control – He's waiting for you to find Him in all things.

Matthew 6:33–But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

Jeremiah 29:13–And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.

Jeremiah 33:3–‘Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.’

Romans 1:20–For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,

Proverbs 8:17–I love those who love me, And those who seek me diligently will find me.

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