

Discussing the Lack

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In reading the words that have come this week on our Cup of J.O.E. website and in reading the prayer, I felt led to remind us all to not sweep things that matter, under an invisible rug rather than dealing with them, no matter how uncomfortable.

I know that timing plays a big role in receiving truth and in growing with our Lord Jesus, however, putting things off that offend us or hurt us isn't healthy. I've been dealing with some very stressful situations this past year and in reflecting back, usually, I would have some outlets and discuss a lot with prayerful friends in my life as well as worship before the Lord both privately and corporately – but I see where there's been a season of me dealing with things that I would normally bounce off trusted friends, and take to the Lord,... on my own. I found myself sweeping things under a rug and trying not to trip over the bump! I should know better! Then because I think that – I feel like I've let the whole world down....

I'm here to tell you – YOU WERE NOT BUILT TO HANDLE THIS LIFE ON YOUR OWN. You don't have a "loner spirit" and you weren't created to retreat to your "little hole" and shut out the world and those you love and the Lord just didn't design us this way.

From the beginning of time God Almighty has created us to need & depend on others, from Adam and Eve to now – even Jesus surrounded Himself with people who could encourage Him, pray for Him and help carry His burden while ministering.... (btw, none of these people are perfect and they all had issues, lol) and don't be surprised if the Lord uses a child to bring you peace, joy, or perspective. He's faithful and creative. What are you lacking?

Never once did Jesus encourage His disciples or followers to leave matters of stress, offense, hurt, struggle, and anxiety alone and they "will go away". He said to CAST THEM (throw them off with force) on Him – because He cares – and friends – you and I need to believe that He is faithful to take them and give us peace.... I know I need to say it more – Lord – I'm lacking in trusting You – because of this huge mountain in front of me! Lord help!

Please take a minute to read the prayer below and believe that the Lord wants to give you release from your worries and He wants you to believe Him for what you are lacking – He wants to give you beauty for ashes, strength for fear, gladness for mourning, peace for despair.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5pCkFk0HArg>

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