

Wednesday Word

Lean on me

Today's word can take on two different meanings but both equally the same. We could read this title as leaning on someone (a fellow brother or sister) when we are weak or leaning on the Lord. Here is something that is starting to come into our daily living with the Lord; calling out for help and reaching out when we see someone who needs help IS leaning on the Lord.

I am being reminded almost daily that Jesus is everything and He is in everything and everyone. Those who do not believe in Him does not make His Word any less true that:

John 1:1-5 - In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. 4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

Often, because of our past hurts (whether individual, corporately, racially, or culturally) we have a difficult time seeing the good (or God) in someone else. I am asking the Lord to change this in me. If people continued to treat me how I acted towards them before I knew the Lord, I would not be here sharing my experiences with you today and I would not be deeply in love with my King Jesus.

I had an extremely militant attitude towards everything (especially Christianity) because of the hurts I was trying to cover up. But God... God brought me to a place where I met people who were not of the "fire and brimstone" mentality. He continued to place people in my life who would not accept the way I was because they saw (at least in part) what God had placed in me. These people followed the leading of the Lord to teach me and grow me in the ways of the Lord through love, compassion, and mercy. In a word, they kindled hope within me that showed me I didn't have to continue to live the way I was living. More importantly, they gave me the space to make mistakes and come to seek the Lord on my own. They fed me, then they taught me how to use a spoon and fork to feed myself, then they taught me how to seek and prepare my own food.

There are times that we are called to judge a situation by the Spirit of the Lord but there are other times that we are called to show compassion and mercy. Look at the life of Jesus and how He treated the people around Him. Look at how He treated the multitudes in comparison with how He treated the Pharisees and the Sadducees. They contrast one another. Why?

Hebrews 4:12-13 - For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. 13 And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

There are many things we can become irate about in our world. We can become so jaded to the point of mis-judging a situation due to our personal hurts, fears, and doubts. This is not saying we are not to accept or condone any ungodly action. Whenever something happens, a tragedy like we have been seeing far too often, remind yourself about this. Did that person ever have anybody to show them hope? Did that person ever know love? How many hurts did that person have and not a single soul ever told them "God loves you for who you are and so do I"? Sometimes, to get someone to Jesus we have to show Jesus through ourselves. This word is for me also. If we can't show Jesus then we have made His Word void when He says:

John 17:20-26 - "I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; 21 that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. 22 And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: 23 I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me. 24 "Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. 25 O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me. 26 And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare it, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them."

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