

BEYOND YOUR ZONE

Beyond your.....

Zone of comfort

Zone of skill or expertise

Zone of knowledge

Zone of natural ability

Zone of natural strength

I was listening to a teacher today and as she was instructing a student, she was giving instruction after instruction and the student was making mistake after mistake and would get so excited at times, that the student would go way beyond where the teacher was. The teacher remained patient and kept instructing with each time the student would get something wrong, but the student was eager and kept running ahead of where they were instead of going back over it to get it right, the student would keep moving on to get to the next new part.

At one point I heard the teacher say something to the effect of “you cannot continue, in your own strength to reach beyond your own ability, you will just frustrate yourself in the long run...”

The Lord used this moment to show me myself and I’m hoping that I can paint the right picture for you, as I’m sure we’ve said in various ways here on the GAHF website through the many wonderful devotions have dropped from heaven, one of the continuing themes is that we need to trust God. At some point, in our day, in our week, in our month, in our life, if we are praying for the will of God and His kingdom to come in our lives as it is in heaven, then we need to allow the Lord to operate and the timing of this is not when we have it all together.

The timing of allowing the Lord to move in our midst is not after we have figured it all out. Otherwise, why would we need God? Do we really think that we can figure it all out? All around us, everywhere we look, we are inundated with media, technology, trinkets, games, challenge after challenge that if we can dream it, we can achieve it. This creates pride, haughtiness, arrogance, and selfishness. We become so focused on how we are going to do something that when we can't do something – when something doesn't work, we lose it and become frustrated, fixated, overwhelmed, unglued, depressed, anxious, and bitter.

We can do nothing apart from Jesus. We have nothing to offer but our thanks, praise, and ourselves. We can do all things through Christ Jesus – **(Philippians 4:13)** it's HIM Who gives us strength to accomplish the many things in our lives. We were created to work under His power and in His strength rather than our own.

I read this when I was researching this topic:

Which is easier: (1) to respond in your own strength or (2) to respond in God's strength?

- Is it hard to forgive someone who has hurt you?
- Is it hard to regularly submit to and serve your spouse (Ephesians 5:21)?
- Is it hard to ask forgiveness first?
- Is it hard to share your innermost struggles to your small group or friends?
- Is it hard to seek forgiveness from someone you believe has a worse sin?

Did you know God is regularly testing you by giving you opportunities like these to trust Him? Typically these moments will happen when you do not want to trust Him or you genuinely do not understand how to trust Him.

God works beyond our abilities.

He works outside our zone of everything we know and understand and He is able, He is the One from Whom we draw our understanding, our strength, He is Who can reel it in when we need it most, He is the Answer, He is the Way, He is the Truth, He is healing to our bones and peace to our minds, He is all we will ever need and He deserves the praise. I urge you today to step out of your own way as I will right now – and let's come together and seek Him first and allow all of Him to invade all of us. For His glory – way out of our zone!

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