

Anywhere and Anytime

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2 Timothy 4:1-5 - I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: 2 Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; 4 and they will turn *their* ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. 5 But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

I have had an amazing and not so amazing last few weeks. My family went to visit a few longtime friends of mine and my husband's. There were a multitude of trips within ten awesome days. I also received news of a dear mentor/friend/sister in Christ passing away after a long battle.

The day I got the news of her passing, I was hanging out with a friend from college. That evening, my family and I went back to our hotel and I had to do laundry. There were two other men ahead of me doing their laundry so I was in and out of the laundry room. When I returned at one point, they were having a deep spiritual discussion about reading the Bible. I sat and listened. I was in no state, mentally, to chime in (or so I thought). My mouth opened and out flew words that were not in my mind previously.

One of the men finished his laundry and left. Me and the other man were sitting there. Through the discussion I found out he was a pastor of a church that wasn't doing too well. Before we went deeper into the discussion, Holy Spirit gave me a word for Him. I won't go into detail about what the word was but I will say this, that pastor responded to the word. His response wasn't to me. His response was to the Lord. I saw this man's countenance change from worry to faith in an instant.

The point I want to make here is this: it is not always about your gifts/talents. Most of the time it comes down to Your obedience to the Lord. I've said it before and I will continue to say this: our obedience comes through our acceptance of the Lord and our personal relationship with Him. If I did not have the experience of learning when it is the Lord speaking or when

I am speaking, the above situation could have went differently. The one thing that pastor and myself realized is that we are all human with flaws but the Lord makes no mistakes. He knows exactly where we are at every given moment. That man was able to hear the Lord through me because he understood that one thing. We don't need to beat people up with the Word of God. We just have to hear the voice of God to know when and where to speak His truth to whomever He sends us to. My many mentors have taught me that and I am thankful for all of them. I am gracious that God continues to give me a teachable heart. Selah.

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