

Conflict

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Facing dilemmas each week or even each day is a very real part of life. Having to look at a problem in the face and call it a problem and own it or lovingly point it out is part of our walk with the Lord. We are not supposed to run from conflict, we are supposed to face it and make the best choice we can to resolve it and move past it. Dealing with the physical & the spiritual clashing... is not easy – I know.

It's another week where before I saw Gina and Alicia's words, the Lord put this word on my heart. Gina writing on commandments, that being obedient assures us that we will follow God's path for our life and not our own and by living under God's laws, we can walk in a manner that is not only pleasing to the Lord but it is good for us. Alicia's word yesterday about what we're looking at, are we looking past our issues to someone else's because it's easier? Are we helping someone in need or not wanting to deal because it's not convenient?

These are internal conflicts that we face every day, moment to moment we are faced with the ever looming silent probing – what are you going to do about it?

Sometimes, I'm in a dilemma and I call or text a friend. Sometimes, it's really bad and I'm struggling through and I'll be real honest – not all the time do I get the friend on the other line, either they are not answering or they aren't responding yet and I'm faced with making a decision on my own. It's scary – sometimes – I'm not sure I'm gonna make it through and during these times, I have not always made the right choice.

The internal conflict... can I ask you to start today – A NEW DAY! Determine to make the right choice when you come to each crossroad? If it's not picking up the phone, but instead reading scripture or spending time with your child, or if it's cleaning the house, just clean one room – start somewhere! If it's making dinner instead of spending money going out, or if it's facing fleshly desires – don't have the extra helping at dinner, don't eat that late night snack, don't smoke that 10th cigarette – cut back to 5 and then cut back to none – don't watch that show or look at that website – not today – today – deal with your internal conflicts.

Say hi to the neighbor, sit with your friend in the hospital, bake a cake for that mean person, or send a thinking about you card because you know things aren't supposed to be where they are with that person or maybe it's time that you started asking the Lord about the company you keep? I heard someone say today – “show me your friends and I'll show you you're future” – things to think about... these are things the Lord is sharing with me in dealing with some of my internal conflicts – **because they limit the room for HIM in our lives.....**

Just today – only think about today – for tomorrow will take care of itself...like Gina said before, it takes 21 days to make something a habit – *(by the way – did anyone do the 21 day “Lord in our lives Your kingdom come Your will be done?” – – We started it and we have 5 more days to go and whoo weeee – things have been going on!!)*

Take one day at a time – – looking conflict in the face – and telling it – I will choose the right thing this time. You can do it!! We can do it – with Him all things are possible!

Ephesians 6:12 – For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.

Matthew 26:41 – Keep watching and praying that you may not enter into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

Matthew 10:25–27 – It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.”²⁶ They were even more astonished and said to Him, “Then who can be saved?”²⁷ Looking at them, Jesus said, “With people it is impossible, but not with God; for all things are possible with God.”

I found a good article on conflict if you want to click on this link and take about 10 minutes (more or less) to read it – I pray it is encouraging to you. The Lord bless and keep you today and always. <http://www.gotquestions.org/conflict-resolution.html>

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