

## BACK TO THE BASICS OF FAITH

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### *Sometimes You've Just Got to Be Still*

I've said many times that in order to get what we desire out of life, sometimes we have to do some excavating. We have to look deep within our hearts and souls, because if you truly desire something, that is where you'll discover how to receive it. But if the truth were told, some of us will not be that honest with ourselves. We have no clue what we truly want because we've never been to the depths of our hearts and souls to find out. Every time we get close to discovering what lies at the core of our being, we become frightened by it and allow something else to deter our attention.

We cannot afford to be frightened by the feelings, emotions, and memories that are imbedded within. As a matter of fact, fear has no place in our hearts at all if blessings and spiritual growth are our goals. 1John 4:18 tells us that *"There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear:"* The spirit of God is inside of us to help us. So you have to ask yourself, what does the indwelling Holy Spirit help us to do? Well, a big part of the spirit's job is to help you confront the fear inside your heart. John 16:13 says that the spirit's mission is to guide us into truth. Truth and fear cannot abide in the same place. One of them has to go. So recognize that the indwelling Holy Spirit is at work inside you. The spirit has a job to do, and it is to take you to that place within where fear has made a home, so that you can evict it.

Notice that I wrote, *"so YOU can evict it."* Do not make the mistake of thinking that the indwelling Holy Spirit will take over your being and kick fear to the curb for you, nor will the spirit MAKE YOU kick fear to the curb. This is not scriptural, and it will not happen. If the indwelling Holy Spirit would take over a person's body and make them do certain things, Adam and Eve would not have sinned, you and I would never make mistakes, and the world would be a much better place to live. Understand that God has given us free-will. He allows us the privilege of making our own mistakes and poor choices.

Sometimes we make the mistake of thinking that God needs us so bad that He has to move us around like marionettes in order to bring His Will to pass. This is a very egotistical and humanistic way of looking at God's Will. It is a view that tries to bring God down to the human level, rather than giving Him the glory and honor He deserves. You and I could sit in a corner with our hands folded on our laps and never move until we took our last breath, and God's Will would still go forth as it was intended. No matter what we do on this earth, God's Will will go forth. We could not muster enough power or energy to stop or hinder it in the least. It is mere myth that we can alter His Will, for *"in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."* If God's Word existed in the beginning, before anything else, and it has come to pass flawlessly from that moment until now, why would we think that our little hang ups would alter it one bit.

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In a blink of an eye, our Awesome Heavenly Father could obliterate every living thing and make it as though nothing ever existed. He could do that, but He hasn't. With all our craziness, arrogance, and defiance, He hasn't wiped us out because of one thing: He loves us. He loves us like crazy.

God wants the absolute best for us. That is why He gave us His son, Jesus Christ, so that we would have a guide and example to not only live better, but to love better, and receive better results in life. Our Heavenly Father allows us to make mistake after mistake because He is interested in our spiritual growth. He wants us to learn from those mistakes to become better – to make better choices the next go round. He wants us to learn more about our Christ potential, then we will constantly stretch and exceed the boundaries of the impossible.

We lose sight of the fact that ordinary people are achieving extraordinary things every second of the day. They are not better than us, just more willing to step outside their comfort zones. Heavenly Father is calling upon you to do the same. You will be guided by the spirit, but you and you alone must make the decision to heed that guidance, and journey where you have not journeyed before.

Your troubles and obstacles have pulled back layers you didn't know you had. They have left you raw, and you may feel exposed and vulnerable, but in actuality you are warm and pliable – ready to embrace a new place and a new level of blessings.

God has heard your prayer. He knows what you want and He also knows what you need, even if you don't. You've been through so much – trying to get to a place where you can experience feelings of fulfillment and joy – trying to figure out why your life has turned out the way it has; why you still don't have what you want. Don't fret. You are being prepared. Do not run from the discomfort you are experiencing, because things are shifting on the inside of you. Some stuff is moving out and some good stuff will move in, but you must allow it. Don't run from this process. Even though you are shaking in the proverbial boots, be still. Your soul is welcoming the spirit to travel to a place within that it hasn't been before. No, you are not falling apart, quite the contrary. Jesus Christ is helping you to get ready. You are being put together by the master's hand. Just take a moment, and be still.

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