

Weekly Devotional
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“Moving In Him”

“That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us; For in him we live, and move, and have our being....” (Acts 17: 27-28)

Have you ever awakened after a “hard sleep” with that achy feeling of not having moved or changed position for HOURS? You’re stiff, you’re sore, you feel like parts of your body are disconnected from the rest of you... And when you try to move even the tiniest bit, the pain is so intense you immediately go back to that place of comfort in your original position!

Does this scenario reflect your spiritual life? Many of us have had a “spiritual awakening” of sorts, only to realize we haven’t moved in ages! Our prayer life is numb and has fallen asleep, we can’t move our arms to raise our swords and armor in spiritual battle, worship feels awkward and disjointed, and the tiniest change of position in our place of comfort sends us running back to immobility, whimpering in pain!

Now don’t react with the argument of “But what about Psalm 16:8? ‘I have set the Lord always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.’” Yes, that’s a powerful verse, but I don’t think that being a “slug in the Spirit” is what David had in mind.

David knew that if he kept the Lord always before him, he would always be moving WITH the Lord wherever he went. And we know that while God never changes, He is always moving and CHANGING things around us, bringing his church into perfection. David wasn’t steadfast in a place of fixed laziness – he was firm in his position of constant forward progression in his Father!!

We as Christians were never meant to be immobile. If we are not constantly moving forward in our growth and intimacy with the Father, then WE ARE MOVING BACKWARDS!!!

We must desire and be willing with all our hearts to be moved by the Lord, but we must remain pliable. We cannot resist Him posturing and positioning us in the exact fashion of His desire, no matter how painful a process it may be.

Unfortunately, there are many things we allow to weigh us down that keep us from being properly positioned before the Lord. Fear, slothfulness, pride, rebellion, disobedience, unforgiveness, you fill in the blank.... It ALL must be broken off!

Allow the movement of the Holy Spirit in you to break off all that is holding you fast, to change you from a sleeping, immobile slug to an active, powerful, and effective giant in His kingdom!!! Move where you see Him moving, say what you hear Him saying. Freedom awaits you, indeed!

“Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty (freedom!). But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.” (II Cor. 3: 17-18)

Questions for Reflection:

1. What parts/areas of my spiritual body have become immobile?
2. What is weighing me down and impeding my forward progression?
3. Am I willing to withstand the initial pain of movement that precedes the bliss of flowing freely in Him?

Prayer – Thank you, Lord for moving me out of my comfort zone to a place of desperate and complete dependence on you. Thank you for allowing the pain of immobility to alert me to a new hunger for you. I welcome your Spirit to sustain me, protect me, instruct me, restrain me, improve me, and transform me. For it is in You, that I live, and move, and have my being. Amen.