

Dealing with Negatives the Kingdom Way

Many believers live in 'la-la land' thinking that God only does nice things, and that all evil and things that are not nice come from the enemy. They can even quote scripture to back up their stance.

There is, however, the reality of the Kingdom. This is where Christian theology meets reality. This reference from Paul is a good starting point to understand this:

Romans 11:22 (ISV) – *Consider, then, the kindness and severity of God: his severity toward those who fell, but God's kindness toward you—if you continue receiving his kindness. Otherwise, you too will be cut off.*

Notice the highlighted section in this quote. Does it infer everything'll be all right if we do what we like as believers? It shows that God set the standard and **he** does what he likes?

In that vein, Paul actually listed the problems that come from living the Kingdom life God's way, without any concern for your own life and comfort. Things aren't always nice and rosey:

2 Corinthians 11:23-29 (NKJV) – *...in labors more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequently, in deaths often. From the Jews five times I received forty stripes minus one. Three times I was beaten with rods; once I was stoned; three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been in the deep; in journeys often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils of my own countrymen, in perils of the Gentiles, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; in weariness and toil, in sleeplessness often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness—besides the other things, what comes upon me daily: my deep concern for all the churches.*

BUT, we've now come to an understanding that negative situations and circumstances come from both the enemy and God.¹ Not only circumstances, but Father's words to us can be negative. These come when, like the Jewish religious leaders of Jesus' day, his people are antagonistic to his move in the season they are in.

What do I mean by that?

These days, although loving towards his people, Father is not pleased with those who are out of alignment with him. This is hard to comprehend, but he **IS** God. His displeasure comes out in the way he addresses his children in regard to their rebellion, defiance and non-alignment. He is stern in his words and attitude towards their behaviour and attitudes, but he still maintains his love for them.

It is important that we hear the sternness in his voice, otherwise we will complacently continue with our erroneous ways. You can get the picture of his displeasure in these messages:

- “Jesus Demanded Graham Cooke, 'Give Me Back My Stuff!'” (Graham Cooke)²
- “God Really Does Negative Things”³
- “Acts II and Beyond” Session #4 (Terry Bennett)⁴

So, not only do we need to know how to respond as sons in each negative instance when it arises, we also need to communicate with our King and find out if and where we are out of alignment.

Here's the Kingdom perspective on negativity – **God is for us, not against us, and wants to prosper our Kingdom life when we align with him.**

1 – “God Really Does Negative Things”

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2 – www.youtube.com/watch?v=A-dBioGxk0E

3 – canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/God-Really-Does-Negative-Things.pdf

4 – www.messengersofshiloh.com/sermons/acts-ii-beyond

We really need to understand this perspective so we can deal with negative situations.

To help with that, there's a great up-to-date, present-day prophetic message on this topic from Graham Cooke.⁵ There's so much valuable information in this 1-hour video which Kingdom citizens need to know that it's impossible for me to summarize.

WATCH TO IT

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