

Learning to Operate as a Son Should Function

[Report #9]

Frustration Exposed

This past week saw Father put his finger on a new area of my life for me to deal with. That comes about because I've surrendered myself to him and sought for any darkness in my life to be exposed. That darkness includes anything that is not a genuine characteristic of my sonship, but part of the old way I've functioned. This request for exposure has been a heartfelt one, not a religious one and not (as has been the case in the past), one that a 'pastor' has told me to do.

Having something exposed is not embarrassing for me any more, which is why I can share it with my readers. If it is embarrassing, then it means I'm not being open about it and want to keep it hidden. Openness is a characteristic of sonship within Father's family, so I tackle any embarrassment and deal with it sharply.

This experience of exposure began when I replaced a kitchen tap in the sink. I estimated it would take 15 minutes – undo the fitting and screw the new tap into the existing flexi-hoses, *finito*. However, this is what I came across:

- The flexi-hoses provided with the tap were too short
- The flexi-hoses under the sink attached to the existing tap were glued into the tap by the plumber so I couldn't reuse them
- I had to drive to the hardware store to buy 2 new flexi-hoses
- When I returned home, the new flexi-hoses had different end fittings
- The sockets that the new flexi-hoses were to screw into were not soldered onto the copper pipe, but clamped on, and moved when I unscrewed the old ones (plumber again)
- The bolt securing the tap to the sink underneath was way at the back, between the sink partition and behind the 2 flexi-hoses
- The nut for the bolt was only accessible to screw on with my fingertips
- I had to balance 2 washers on my fingertips as I screwed the nut on
- Initially, I left off the under-sink bracket when I screwed the nut on and had to do it again
- The second time, the nut wouldn't go onto the bolt easily so it took a lot longer
- I couldn't then screw the new flexi-hoses onto the pipe fittings because the plumber had secured one of them flush up against the back of the cupboard with a bracket
- I had to unscrew the S-bend, pull out the cupboard shelf and release the bracket to be able to attach the flexi-hose to the water pipes

Two and a half hours later, the job was done. But not before I got severely agitated because of all the scenarios I ran through my mind where the tap wouldn't be secure or water would leak when the main was turned back on. That was the real source of the frustration – FEAR.

I had to ask for my wife's help to stabilize the tap while I screwed it on. That was a great help. But when she interfered under the cupboard before I'd given the 'all-clear', I became frustrated with her as well and asked her to wait til I had finished.

What a shock for me that I became frustrated. I thought I'd conquered trusting, resting and relaxing in the Trinity's assistance with my life. Not so. Fear had manifested, but I hadn't stopped it because I didn't recognise it. Sneaky! I've been working on eliminating fear for some time, but it keeps 'raising its head' in different ways to gain access 'under the radar'.

Frustration means I'm not trusting, resting and relaxing in the Trinity's oversight of what I'm doing. This then, is another lesson in eliminating anything that negatively impacts my peace.

I'm the problem when anything is out of alignment, so I welcome this exposure so I can 'knock on the head' any frustration with circumstances as soon as I detect it rising up. That buffers me from being frustrated and that cancels the enemy's attempt to destabilize me. That's extremely important as I'm the one in control of my actions, and the one who lets the enemy 'in' or keeps him 'out'.

Looking back and analysing the ways the enemy got access I also identified that another source was the plumbers not doing their work in my house up to my standard. Grrrr! This frustration doesn't originate with fear but with my desire to do things properly. This isn't new. I'm constantly having to tell myself that other people work at their own standard and that they are responsible to the King for that, not to me. He told me he likes the way I do things, so I have to limit my standards to myself and not impose it on others (unless they are under my supervision).

Interestingly, as I write this blog today, Marsha Burns put this prophetic word out last night:

*“Beloved, refuse to allow frustration to cloud your judgment. It is easy for your emotions to dominate, but that's not the best course of action for you. Settle down and be pragmatic. Work every problem by being realistic and sensible. And always seek Me for guidance in solving difficult problems.”*¹

Yes, I did do the last half of this set of instructions, it was the part about emotions that I didn't 'knock on the head' immediately which caused it to escalate into frustration.

A lesson hopefully learnt.

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