

Fun, Friendship and Adventure

From a religious perspective, fun, friendship and adventure are unspiritual and worldly. That's the perspective I had when I was very legalistic in the past. My 'wake up call' came when Father told me to enjoy my day and enjoy life because it's a gift from him. That was a BIG paradigm shift.

Like the freedom and liberty we have in our sonship, loving being alive was an anathema to me, according to my evangelical training I had been under – it was too soulish, too worldly. However, once I had the revelation that life was created for us, so it's righteous in itself, not evil, I allowed myself to enjoy life. What makes life evil or unrighteous, I now know, is what we do with it.

In the Kingdom, our physical life must be subservient to our life as a son. It must not be downgraded to be an aversion and it must not take precedence over our life of oneness with the Trinity. That's 'a hard road to travel', but it's what we are called to balance. It's no different to balancing where our heart's desire is, as we ensure that our Beloved has the primary place there.

On top of that freedom to love life, Father is interested in us living a full life, not one of severity and self-deprivation. We do have to ensure that we are not self-focused while we live our full life and that we draw spiritual life from the presence of the King inside us. There's a balance to life as a son.

So, Father wants the best for us, body, soul and spirit. Here's his mind on having a balanced life:

“[I desire you to] be healthy and whole within yourself—confident in your identity, able to love me, love yourself, and to know how to care for yourself—spirit, soul, and body.

Every part of you matters. Every aspect of your life is important. I don't want you to sweep things under the rug that affect you in any way.

Listen to what you need in the deepest part of your being. If it's rest, rest. If it's fun, friendship, or adventure, go enjoy yourself.

If it's healing in your spirit, come to me. If it's a healthy body, ask me what changes you can make. If it's learning to set boundaries and finding confidence, I can help you with that too.

Wholeness and peace start with me. It's a journey of discovering me inside of you, and then processing your emotions, needs, and desires with me.

I want you to be so healthy in every part of your being that each day becomes something to look forward to. When you're healthy and whole, it's much easier to bring healing to others.”¹

A hard word to accept? Goes against your theology? You'd better find out for yourself by asking Father if this message is from him before you reject it.

Here's another exposé of Father's desire for us to have adventure in our lives:

“Did you know that I am 'into' adventure? Oh, yes, I am. Why else do you think I created the mountains, the seas and the far reaches of the earth? Why do you think I put the sense of adventure into you and gave you a longing for more? It is because I am so infinite and vast that you have to venture out into unknown territory in order to find Me. Where you are is too small for you to truly see My glory and majesty!”²

Now that's confirmation!

1 – Brian & Candice Simmons (26-9-2021) “Word for Sunday, September 26” [distributed e-newsletter] www.facebook.com/BrianAndCandiceSimmons/photos/a.455084724569714/4344293752315439

2 – EXTRACT: Jamie Rohrbaugh (25-10-2021) “The Time of Adventure and Convergence” charismamag.com/blogs/propheticfire/the-time-of-adventure-and-convergence

RESOURCES

READ: “Waking the Dead: The Secret to a Heart Fully Alive” by John Eldredge³

READ: “Wild At Heart: Discovering the Secret of a Man's Soul” by John Eldredge⁴

BOOK SUMMARIES: canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/IssacharPortal/wild-at-heart.html

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3 – www.amazon.com.au/Waking-Dead-Secret-Heart-Fully-ebook/dp/B01864DXVY

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