

Our Perspectives Change As We're Reprogrammed

One of the biggest problems we face, or will face, is the difference between what we believe and what others believe. Unfortunately, we all came into the knowledge and reality of the Kingdom and sonship with religious 'baggage' from the church experiences of our past. As we've allowed Father to deprogram us and reprogram our minds, attitudes and hearts, we've changed from what we previously believed. Some of those changes were major, such as switching from our concept of an angry God to an outrageously loving God.

These changes are ongoing as we submit to his reprogramming regime and desire to grow and mature spiritually. As that happens, we'll find that there are those who we disagree with, even though we may have believed the same thing as them in the past. We must not reject these people because they believe differently to us. Our responsibility is to love them and find opportunities to gently speak into their lives, whenever we can.

Similarly, we must not reject those forerunners who are ahead of us and believe things that are 'way out', through their experiences with the spirit realm and what Father has taught and shown them.

We will be greatly tempted to reject many of those who differ from us, but Father's love in us must expand so there is much less chance of rejection happening. Even so, he did tell us a decade ago to seek out those who were like-minded to us. That wasn't to create division, but for us to receive support from others as we moved tentatively into unknown Kingdom territory.

Have a read of what Mike Parsons had to say about how Father's training has caused him to change what he believes:

"[P]eople will say things differently because of the way in which they relate to the things that God's showing them. That's related through personal experience and past [experiences] and history. Therefore, God will share things with different people in different ways, but it has the same principles behind it, because we're all different. Therefore, God is multifaceted and multicoloured, so he's not just going to say things in one boring way. He can say it lots of different ways.

That being said, we're all on a journey and therefore we're interpreting what he says through the filters of our mindsets and belief systems. Our minds are being renewed, deconstructed, changed, over a period of time. Therefore, the things that God spoke to me in 2011, I wouldn't interpret them the same way as I interpret them now. Even though what he said, is what he said, my interpretation of what he said has changed, because he has renewed my mind during that period. But now, some of the things that I did believe, I no longer believe. So I don't frame what he said, according to my beliefs. Everyone does that. Essentially we're all, in a sense, framing what we have experienced in God, through belief systems that then make sense of it.

Well, we've got to get to the point where we do not lean on our own understanding, and therefore use those belief systems to affirm what we already believe about God. But, we allow the experiences of cognitive dissonance¹ – where we have an encounter which doesn't align up with our beliefs – do we go back to use our beliefs as the framework for that or do we allow the experience to change our beliefs? ...

We must expect that we will have changes in the way we feel and think, over time. And therefore, some people are sharing things from their present perspective, and that's where they are on their journey. Now, the key is not to fall out and disagree over that, but just realise that we're all on a journey and it's okay to have different views, in relation to the journey we're on...

I believe different things, because my relationship with God has taken me into beliefs of a more love persona for God, rather than some of what I was brought up with, which was the Evangelical Angry God that you need to appease and keep on side by behaving.

1 – The tension that occurs when one holds mutually exclusive beliefs or attitudes. www.wordnik.com/words/cognitive%20dissonance

Now, there are some people who probably have experiences of God which have taken them beyond my experiences, and therefore, I wouldn't necessarily understand what they're saying at this point in time, but I may well in the future. I may have had experiences that are beyond what other people have had which have shaped my understanding, which they haven't had yet and so they may disagree with some of the things I've experienced. But that's okay, and to be expected, in that we're all on journeys, coming from different places towards a similar destination, which is sonship in relation to our Father.”²

(Permission to quote Mike Parsons received on 20-7-2020)

So, be prepared to change what you believe, and to be at peace when anyone criticises us for believing something we no longer subscribe to. That's the journey we're on, as it has been (and is) for many others around the globe.

For more expanded teaching on this topic, watch the following sessions of Mike's:

VIDEO: Mike Parsons "Dealing with Differences Part 1" youtu.be/VMFwMOaidsk

VIDEO: Mike Parsons "Dealing with Differences Part 2" youtu.be/SPr3OtYBE1g

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