

What Working Together Looks Like

Many Christian leaders ‘burn out’ because they haven’t learned to partner with the King. I’ve been there and know that it comes about because you get busy with “God’s work”. The pressure increases if you have the concept that he only accepts perfection or that he’s disappointed with you when you don’t get everything done. Unfortunately, what we’ve done is set our own agenda and worked at our tasks, ignoring whatever it was that he wanted done.

This is the same syndrome that’s experienced by spiritual people who are under the same delusion of spiritual work ethic. That’s why I give this message to everyone who’s wanting to be effective in the Kingdom.

The world and the workplace teaches us to work flat-out and to achieve more and more. This mindset seeps into our spiritual lives and works at making us less effective, than more effective. You see, the Kingdom works on peace and rest, not frenetic activity and constant action. It may be our enthusiasm and excitement that gets us revved up in our Kingdom activities, but it will soon become the base level for all future work, and that’s the start of the problem.

There will be days when many things race through our minds, including during our sleep time, so we can hardly deal effectively with each one. This is when we have to take heaven’s instruction to get refurbishment from drinking from the Living Water.¹

To drink effectively, the first thing I’ve learned is to do is stop. Yep, STOP. That’s very hard to do because of the pressure we put on ourselves. We think we can’t slow down or stop because that’s a spiritual anathema – it’s laziness. However, without stopping and coming into a place where our mind and soul are not driving us, we can’t drink of the Living Water what is designed to refresh us deep inside.

When we stop we’re able to come into Father’s presence where the Water of the Spirit is located. We may need worship music or a time of soaking to learn to come into his presence quickly and easily, but it’s vital that we learn how to do that.

Here’s what Father has to say about this:

“Give yourself permission to sit back and take a breath. Step away from your mental busyness and your to-do list, and find me.

I’ll help you organize your day, your week, even the next hour, if you’ll step away for a moment.

Sometimes, obligations feel more chaotic than they actually are, because you have other internal things vying for your attention.

You have duties that must be tackled, but you feel overwhelmed because inside you’re dealing with something bigger.

Things you haven’t taken time to process with me. Situations may be triggering areas inside of you that need to be walked through with me. Or perhaps anxiety is trying to suck you into its debilitating vortex.

Either way, you have my permission to let the chores go for a little bit longer. To sit in my presence and be still, while I minister² my peace to you.

When you come away, you’ll have clarity of mind and peace of heart to do all that you need to do in less time.”³

1 – “Drinking of the Living Water Each Day is Vital”

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2 – i.e. ‘Serve up’ (That’s the actual meaning)

3 – EXTRACT: Brian & Candice Simmons (8-10-2021) “Word for Friday, October 8” [distributed e-newsletter]

Notice that he said he'd help us organize our day, our week, even the next hour, not just refresh us. That's the beauty of working as a team together. He never puts any load on us we can't cope with and when external and internal pressures build, that's when refreshment is provided. Working in the Kingdom is meant to be a relaxed activity, but also extremely effective without putting pressure on ourselves. When we just do our life responsibilities and what the Spirit says to do, and leave everything else to Father to handle each day, life is much more enjoyable and fulfilling.

That how I've learnt to live my life, but I've still got a way to go to be perfectly relaxed every day.

Father also added this reinforcement:

“Bring your concerns to Me...you must stop stewing. If you could have done something about it you would have, so leave it to Me. I can do what you cannot.”⁴



IMPORTANT: It's just as vital for your spouse to enter into this stressless partnership with the Trinity as it is for you. To assist them, make sure you don't put emotional or mental pressure on them to perform the way you want them to. That would work against what is need of both of you.

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4 – Marsha Burns “Small Straws in the Soft Wind” (October 8, 2021) www.ft111.com/straws2021.htm