

as i lay before the Lord this morning, so many thoughts of people and needs and yes, His word flooded through my mind. would that my thoughts at that time were being recorded to paper automatically, but alas, it is not so.

there's just something about that early morning time spent with Him before one's day begins. it is exhorted often in scripture. i think of all the times during my working life when i chose sleep over getting up early to spend time with Him. sure, everyone's morning varies depending on where they are in the world. as one wakes, another goes to sleep. isn't it great that our God is on duty 24/7? He is never out to lunch or off duty.

i once read about a man of God who ran an orphanage. he had a rule, "no bible, no breakfast". sure there were times when situations precluded his bible time. so he just fasted his breakfast. that is a dedication and discipline we all need. discipline of mind and body is something we all should strive for in our daily life.

His will must become preeminent over our will. there are so many "poetic" ways to say it. i want to drown in Him; dissolve in Him; get lost in Him. the word though says it plainly and best. "He must increase, but i must decrease." john 3:30

the word says "there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother." prov 18:24 God called abraham His friend. what an honor for God to call someone His friend. now, even abraham and we are called the bride of Christ.

how much closer and more precious do you think a bride is over a friend? depends on one's heart. i know His heart towards us. how is your heart towards Him?

"by night on my bed i sought the one i love." song of solomon 3:1 i know the song of solomon is perhaps one of the least read of the bible. i suggest you read it. the passionate love and desires, i think, illustrates the relationship He seeks with each of us. the passion expressed in the flesh will be beyond any words in the Spirit. and words are important to God. He spoke all things into being. we boldly speak our belief; our confession. "i believed and therefore i spoke." 2 cor 4:13

there is a statement i display on the website. "salvation is free -- but intimacy will cost you everything!" will you give everything? our Lord required all from the rich man who proclaimed he had followed all the law from his youth up. "you still lack one thing. sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me". luke 18:22 he was not willing to give that which he treasured most.

are you satisfied with just being His friend? are you willing to give up that which you treasure most? abraham was willing to give up his only son. God was willing to give up His only son. He does not want your sacrifice. He only wants to be your treasure. do you desire a closer relationship? you can have as much as you want. "draw near to God and He will draw near to you." james 4:8 it will cost you much, maybe everything. always know, you can't out give God!

how strong is your desire for Him? so well i remember the first love of my youth. have you left your first love? have you ever known a first love? that time when you just want to be around them. you primped for them and sought to be desired as you desired them. you wanted to cater to their every need. it is a passion that consumes one. has that desire for Him yet entered you? have you felt the fire that cannot be quenched? do you want to know Him as none other has; personally and intimately? "but then i shall know just as i also am known." 1 cor 13:12

hopefully i have ignited a passion in you today. it may still be a small spark, but fire has a way of spreading. as long as there remains material for it to feed on, it will. it can become a hunger that is never satisfied. i want all to know this love and joy and peace that i have found.

i feel there soon may be coming a time when my words will not tickle your ears. a writing that will not be received so willingly. "for the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers." 2 tim 4:3 just as when the words of Jesus got too hard. "from that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more." john 6:66 i feel that coming in my spirit; a time of offenses. but i must follow and go where i feel led.

my words are written prayerfully and lovingly. God speaks correction when it is required; required to warn

one of their actions and the dangers which lie ahead.
what does law of science say? "for every action, there
is an opposite and equal reaction." the word of God
says: "whatever a man sows, that he will also reap."
gal 6:7

perhaps, even unwillingly, i have become a watchman of
sorts to some. "but if the watchman sees the sword
coming and does not blow the trumpet, and the people
are not warned, and the sword comes and takes any
person from among them, he is taken away in his
iniquity; but his blood I will require at the
watchman's hand." eze 33:6 for this reason, i must
blow the trumpet He has placed in my hands.

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