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if He can get it in you, He can get it out of you

"but when they deliver you up, do not worry about how or what you should speak. for it will be given to you in that hour what you should speak." matt 10:19

i don't think very many of you know what's it's like to sit in front of a computer screen everyday, knowing there are those few out there who are expecting to receive a message from you. oh, i know it's not a matter of critical importance. it's not like someone waiting on a surgeon to perform a critical operation.

and yet, to me at least, it is a little like that. there may be someone out there today who will enter into eternity without knowing the Lord. this simple little note could possibly be the last witness they have of the grace and mercy of God before they make that trip. and even if today is not their day for eternity, what one word might be spoken which could set them on a different path. a path to life and not to death. that is what makes it critical in my spirit.

what i'm really trying to say is this: if He can get it in you, He can get it out of you.

i really admire people who can quote the scriptures by chapter and verse. some may think i am super-spiritual and one of those but i am really just like you. i have never been good at memorizing things. sure, there are a few scriptures that i have sealed in my heart - those i know by scripture and verse. i am not a fount of

knowledge about the bible.

there are times i might recall a few words from a scripture. i know the essence of what they are communicating but then i have to look them up. sometimes biblegateway will get me a desired result, while other times the exact wording is not known and a google search is needed. i don't think it matters how we get there as long as we get there.

i am comforted in my lack of knowledge when i recall that Jesus confronted the devil with only the word of God. He did not have chapter and verse to quote. there were no chapters and verses. it was all one continuous scroll. He was the word of God and even though He knew the exact words, i think it was their meaning that mattered. He only spoke the word and i believe it is the essence (the meaning) behind those words that gave them power - not the exact quoting of them. that being said, i would encourage everyone to have as much as they can hold, hidden in their heart.

God has said, "so shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it." isa 55:11 there are many translations of the bible, some seeking to express the deeper meaning implied within. it is that meaning which carries the power.

but what if there's nothing in you? what if you have never bother to plant the word of God in you? what if there is nothing there for Him to draw out of you? if there are only empty words and thoughts of self that

have filled you? that's where the real danger lies. the name of Jesus is enough to get you rescued from the pit but without knowing more, we won't know what we can believe for, fight for. we become like those "tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting". eph 4:14

we have this spoken in joshua: "this book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success." jos 1:8

do you want to have that "good success"? we are further admonished, "'this is the way, walk ye in it,' whenever you turn to the right hand or whenever you turn to the left.'" isa 30:21

God always wants the best for us. do you want to settle for less than He wants? if there's anything i've learned in my walk with Him - He is faithful. "if we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself." 2 tim 2:13 if you take nothing else to heart, take that. maranatha!