

jul 3

i'm a wanna be

the other day when i was in prayer, as usual, i was reciting all the things i pray for daily - people, country, revival - too much to list again here. as i kept listing things i want for people (and myself) suddenly these words just dropped out of my mouth. "Lord, i'm just a wanna be". i know when the words i speak were not really spoken by me. and yet there they were, waiting for my understanding to digest.

let's face it, we are a needy people. the world knows it. i know it. God knows it. unlike others, we don't have to shop at various places to meet our needs. our needs are all wrapped up in one place, waiting for delivery - Jesus. He is the answer to all we will ever need. so all we really need is One thing. the currency we shop with - faith!

do you remember the story about mary and martha in luke 10? "but one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her." luke 10:42

i was observing my good friend the other day that helps take care of me. she works so hard all the time and always always wants to do her best. these are admirable qualities to be sure and as i contemplated i told the Lord, "Lord, we need marthas'". i know i don't know what i would do without her. i know she loves the Lord. in some of our conversations i have heard of her discernment in some situations and how

when the Lord talks to her, He calls her daughter. i see her works as her ministry.

it's just i often wonder how much deeper she would progress in the Lord if she spent more time with Him. and yet, in my dilemma i repeat, "the world needs marthas'". i have faith the Lord will work it all out.

i just know i'm a wanna be. have you ever heard a little child say, "i wanna be just like you when i grow up"? well, i wanna be just like Jesus when i grow up.

i wanna know my Father's voice and anothers' i will not follow.

i wanna walk in grace and truth.

i wanna do only the things i see the Father doing.

i wanna please Him in all my actions and words.

i want to be all my Father sees in me - meeting all His expectations.

i wanna, i wanna, i wanna - the list goes on too long to mention them all.

suffice it to say, "i wanna be just like Jesus when i grow up. our heavenly Father wants that also. that's why we are constantly being "transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God." rom 12:2

and, by golly, because i wanna be, and the Holy Spirit

is my guide, i will become an "i am". blasphemy you say? not the great "I AM" but just as much like Him as He graces me with. He has said, "and the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one". john 17:22 He has also said, "follow Me, and I will make you ...". matt 4:19

and just as Jesus abruptly interrupted His reading of isaiah in luke 4, i will stop my quote there. He will make us more than fishers of men. "for whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren." rom 8:29

so, "[my determined purpose is] that i may know Him [that i may progressively become more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him, perceiving and recognizing and understanding the wonders of His Person more strongly and more clearly]." phil 3:10 ampc

i linger still in my dilemma. whether you are a mary or a martha, His grace is sufficient to get us there. i know we are all "wanna be's". we wanna be all we can for Christ. maranatha!