

Honoring God With Our Whole Lives



Turkey's Don't Fly Do They?

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James 1:2-4 Consider it pure joy, my brothers, and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

Character building lesson God was trying to teach: **If this is all I allow you for now will you still honor me in it?**

My accident in the mountains of Maryland has created a fear of driving through any mountains in bad weather. **Is it fair that others expect past experiences to just magically disappear just because, to them, they aren't rational?**

Just a reminder that last week we spoke of Corrie ten Boom stating that our past is the mysterious and perfect preparation for the future.

How do we stop allowing past experiences to control today's peace?

What things have happened to you in the past that affect your choices today?

Does a person saying "you are difficult" make it so? What are some questions you can ask yourself to honestly assess your true "level of difficulty"?

"Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things." Philipians 4:8.

Be honest with yourself. **If you do assess that you may have some difficult tendencies, what should you do to rectify this trait?**

"to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. Ephesians 4:22-24

People may never recognize, nor care, about the efforts you're making to be a stronger Christian and/or a better person. **Where should your focus remain during these life lessons? Why?**

Take a few minutes and **make a list of all your needs you feel you need from husband or others relationship.** what does 30%

of this list look like? If your list has 10 items 30% of 10 is 3. Now look at your list and choose the 3 in which you want your husband, or other person, to be totally responsible? How well do you think they would handle these three? **Are you setting them up for failure?**

Look at your list again and select the three you think your husband would do well and give the rest to Jesus. It might be a case that you should give 100% to Jesus and then your husband wins every time. He can't disappoint you and peace would reign in your marriage, relationships and within your spirit.

...**"you couldn't send me an eagle, a turtledove or a pair of geese"?**

Why did I think an eagle or turtledove would have offered more encouragement?

Did you ever feel you thought you knew what you needed, but God sent you something else? What did you learn?

After reflection on this story and these questions how do we go about honoring God in our lives in the difficult times? What does this look like?

Give it the best you have to offer and watch what I will do with it."

In order to STAY married it was going to take at least one of our hearts being open to what God could and would do. God had convinced me that even if my husband didn't do one thing to help make our marriage better, but I was willing to give God my best in my part of our turkey marriage relationship He could and would do amazing things with the results.

Are you willing to be that one who let's God use you to make the sacrifices required to bring peace to the moment? It's what Christ does for us every day!

Scriptures to use: Isaiah 30:18; Psalms 27:14; Isaiah 30:18

What is your greatest takeaway from today's lesson?