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Theme: Is God Too Busy?

Scripture: 1 Peter 5:7 (NIV)

“Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.”

A Thought:

I must admit it's difficult to grasp the above eleven words and take them to the bank. Especially when you look around and you notice an increasing number of “for sale” signs in neighborhoods, continuous unemployment figures, political pundits spewing out senseless arguments and in the marble halls of our national capitol politicians debating the merits of various legislative bills. Closer to home and personal....you see neighbors, friends and family members losing their jobs, their bank accounts shrinking and living day to day to make ends meet and hoping they will not lose their dream home. For some folks the dream home is literary just a “dream.” Where is God you say? Doesn't He have more important things to do; famines, wars and natural disasters? Why should he worry about me and my problems? Let's put some thought into this question - first, Jesus took time to garner the best wine for a wedding. Second, our Lord in need of a cup of water encountered a troubled Samaritan woman at Jacob's well. Compassion, love and exhortation ensued. Lastly, making His way through a large crowd a woman who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years reached out and touched the hem of His cloak and because of her faith she was immediately healed. Our issues and antics do not distract God. Question is how faithful are we to the man who died on the cross for us? Do not doubt. He is aware of our circumstances.

Now....what are your thoughts? Write them down.

Talk to yourself:

- Do you believe the Lord is aware of your circumstances?
- Is this a good time to take inventory of your prayer life? Bible study?
- Look back - has your life been God centered?
- In your communication with the Lord...are you willing to listen - truly listen?

Scriptures to read:

- Matthew. 6:33; Mathew 9:20-22; Luke 12:22-34; John 2:1-10; John 4:1-26;
- Eccl. 7:14; John 6:13; Psalm 94:19; Psalm 139:23; 1Chronicles.16:34

Quote: Henry T. Blackaby, Author, Experiencing God

“Never, ever determine the truth of a situation by looking at the circumstances. Listen to Jesus He is the truth of all circumstances.”

Bottom Line:

“Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life.” (Matt. 6:27). It is easy for this writer to extoll spiritual platitudes without knowing or grasping the circumstances you are experiencing. Nonetheless, I know of what I speak...Jesus saved me from an “asinine” and “lukewarm” spiritual life. My life was like a cracked mirror and sadly the reflection were two characters Mr. Doubter and Mr Worrywart. Like similar characters from a C. S. Lewis novel. I was always in the troughs of doubt, worry and anxiety. I don’t want to convey the thought that my spiritual journey was difficult and suddenly “puff” it was easy. No, a blunt and honest answer no. My personality is such that I struggled to abide by the above verse Matthew 6:27. I have learned to talk to Jesus and often ask Him to reveal the truth of my circumstances. Keep in mind it’s a battle. Remember ultimately we have the victory and we have proof that the Lord is never too busy. Philippians 4:6 (NLT) *“Don’t worry about anything; instead pray about everything. Tell God what you need and thank Him for what He has done.”* Gents, that peace, His peace will guard your hearts.

NOW.....THAT’S THE BOTTOM LINE.

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