

"Staying Centered"

It is so easy to lose our "center", to lose focus. And if we do, we are vulnerable to becoming imbalanced, to having a distorted image of reality. That's why it is good for us, from time to time, to make sure we are referencing our life experiences to the Person and Promises of our God. Our perception of reality is determined as we interpret life through the lens of our view of God.

Is your God...

...THE LOVING GOD WHO IS ALWAYS GOOD? (Lam 3:21-25; I Jo 4:8)

We are most vulnerable to fear, to temptation when we doubt the loving goodness of God. Such fears will cause us to get wrapped up in ourselves, tell a small, limited, finite "story", and miss out on the supply of God for our need. He is an always Loving God, I am His always being loved child.

...THE MERCIFUL GOD WHO FULLY FORGIVES? (Ps 103:10; Eph 1:7; Col 2:13; Heb 9:26)

Very few things effect a change of consciousness as powerfully as knowing that "there is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ." (Ro 8:1) No longer law conscious, debt conscious, or sin conscious... rid of false guilt, personal shame, and self-reproach... we are free to be conscious of Christ, our Forgiver, Cleanser, and Justifier... aware of our acceptance, our righteousness, and our holy options.

...THE GRACIOUS GOD WHO SUPPLIES OUR EVERY NEED? (Matt 6:33; Phil 4:19; Col 2:9-10)

We believe God to be complete (Col 2:9). Why can't we believe Him when He says we are complete (Col 2:10)? What do you need... forgiveness? holiness? peace? joy? hope? Christ says, "I am your needs met!" My responsibility is to "seek Him", His is to provide and care for me. He knows what I need, when I need it. What I do not have in hand, I must not (yet) need.

...THE REDEMPTIVE GOD WHO IS ALWAYS AT WORK? (Ro 8:28-29; 11:36; Phil 1:6; Rev 21:5)

As the Source, Guide, and Goal of all that is, nothing is wasted in the story of our lives. He buys up every moment for eternal purposes, converts every liability into a kingdom asset, and transforms every mess into a forever good.

...THE PASSIONATE GOD WHO IS ALWAYS WITH US? (Jo 14:3; Heb 13:5)

God's passion is a passion for oneness (Jo 17:11, 22-24) As Julian of Norwich said, "Betwixt God and me, there is no between." Our passion in any event is for what is possible because He is with us.

It really is about WHO and WHERE we believe God to be, isn't it?



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GREETINGS

Hear the word of the Lord through a contemporary Psalmist, Joseph Bayly, entitled "Psalm of a Gardener."

Lord of the compost heap
You take garbage
and turn it into soil
for seed to root
and grow
with wildest increase
flowers to bloom
with brilliant beauty.
Take all the garbage
of my life
Lord of the compost heap
turn it into
soil good soil
and then plant seeds
to bring forth
fruit and beauty
in profusion.

Blessed be the word of the Lord!
Steve



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7,14,21,28	CCF
9	Alachua Study
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30	Ocala Study

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♥ PRAISE & PRAYER ✝

♥ For Who God is

♥ For Where God is

✝ For a purer awareness of Who we are dealing with

✝ For those who do not yet know Who or where He is

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