

SEARCHING FOR FULFILLMENT

TAKING A STEP BACK TO OBSERVE THINGS...

AS CHILDREN WE ARE INCLINED TO DREAM. WE SEE FOR THE BRIEFEST OF MOMENTS ONLY THE GOOD THINGS IN THIS WORLD. THINGS THAT WARM OUR HEARTS AND LIGHT OUR EYES. THINGS THAT ARE TRULY BRILLIANT. YET, WE LOSE HOLD OF THESE THINGS. MORE THAN ANYTHING, THIS WORLD AND THE ONE WHO DWELLS BELOW IT DESIRE TO STRIP US OF THESE. THEY DESIRE TO STARVE OUR HEARTS OF THAT WHICH THEY NEED THE MOST. JESUS CHRIST HOWEVER, SEEKS TO FILL THE VOIDS LEFT BY THE EFFORTS OF THE OPPOSITION.

NOW IN OBSERVATION OF MYSELF...

I'VE SPENT THE GREATER PORTION OF MY LIFE SEARCHING FOR SATISFACTION, FOR COMFORT, FOR PEACE. SEARCHING FOR MY PLACE IN EVERYTHING, AND ALL THE WHILE NOT FINDING THE ANSWER. MY SEARCHING NEVER LED TO PARTYING OR DRINKING OR ANYTHING, THAT'S JUST NOT MY STYLE, I NEVER ENJOYED IT. MY SEARCHING HAS ALWAYS BEEN WITHIN MYSELF. I'VE SEARCHED FOR CONTENTMENT IN THE MIDST OF THE PAIN OF THIS WORLD, BELIEVING IT DID EXIST, BUT NOT QUITE UNDERSTANDING HOW TO FIND IT. ALL THE WHILE, I'VE BEGUN TO OBSERVE SOMETHING WHICH HAS LED ME TO A DEEPER PURSUIT OF JESUS.

I'VE COME TO UNDERSTAND THAT WITH ALL THE THINGS WE TRY TO FIND SATISFACTION IN, WE ARE NEVER SATISFIED. ECCLESIASTES 6:7 PUTS IT LIKE THIS, "EVERYONE'S TOIL IS FOR THEIR MOUTH, YET THEIR APPETITE IS NEVER SATISFIED." THIS BIT OF SCRIPTURE HAS REALLY HELPED ME PUT THINGS TOGETHER. GOD GIVES US INSPIRATION AND DREAMS AND AMBITIONS TO GO AND DO GREAT THINGS, BUT IF WE DO THESE THINGS FOR OURSELVES AND NOT FOR GOD, THEY GET US NOWHERE.

PSALM 139:14 "I PRAISE YOU BECAUSE I AM FEARFULLY AND WONDERFULLY MADE; YOUR WORKS ARE WONDERFUL, I KNOW THAT FULL WELL."

WE HAVE ALL BEEN CREATED WITH A PURPOSE AND THE ONLY WAY WE ARE TO SATISFY THE LONGINGS OF OUR HEARTS IS TO SATISFY THIS PURPOSE. TO LOVE GOD WITH ALL OUR HEART, SOUL, STRENGTH, AND MIND. NOW THIS ISN'T EASY, I CAN TESTIFY TO THIS. HOWEVER, ONCE YOU DO, ONCE YOU REACH THE BOTTOM OF YOURSELF AND COMMIT TO TURN EVERYTHING OVER TO GOD'S WILL RATHER THAN YOUR OWN, YOU WILL FIND LIFE.

NOW, WHILE I CAN'T SPEAK TO MOST, I CAN SPEAK TO ANYONE WHO HAS GROWN UP IN CHURCH AND HAS EITHER LOST OR HAS NEVER REALLY FOUND THEIR FLAME. I TOOK A LEAP OF FAITH, PUT MY LIFE PLANS AND SCHOOL PLANS TO THE SIDE AND GAVE JESUS CONTROL OF IT ALL. THE RESULT? I HAVE BEEN FILLED WITH AN UNQUENCHABLE FIRE AND AN UNDYING LOVE FOR JESUS CHRIST. MY UPMOST DESIRE IS TO SERVE JESUS CHRIST, AND IT IS TRULY SATISFYING.

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