

## ] "Pursuing After the 'An Geadh-Glas' [Holy Spirit] – Cage of Responsibility Pt 1"

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Today's Focal LifeText: "The **Wind\*** (Holy Spirit / Wild Goose) blows wherever it pleases.

You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going.

So it is with everyone born of the Spirit\*." **John 3:8** \* - The Greek for **Spirit** is the same as that for **Wind**



### Cage of Responsibilities ...

The average person will spend approximately \_\_\_\_\_ of his/her waking life at work. Here is where many make a grave mistake of a lifetime: they may start out pursuing a \_\_\_\_\_, but they end up settling for a \_\_\_\_\_.

So instead of making a \_\_\_\_\_, all they do is make a \_\_\_\_\_!

Trying to "\_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_" 24/7 is **NOT** on God's Plan... **Psalms 127:2a** Amplified Bible / **Isaiah 49:4a**

**"Every man \_\_\_\_\_, but not every man really \_\_\_\_\_!"**

~ Sir William Wallace, a late-13<sup>th</sup> Century valiant warrior / hero who led the Scottish (Scots) in the First War of Scottish Independence against King Edward I of England.

Ironically, our \_\_\_\_\_ **responsibilities can so easily become a** \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ (an \_\_\_\_\_) which in turn keeps us from following the spiritual adventure of our faith lives w- the divine call to Chase after the Wild Goose!

\_\_\_\_\_ **Geese have no** \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ **to fly ... Luke 6:25** The Message

Far too many are **satisfied to** \_\_\_\_\_ (or float in place) in lieu of **soaring** \_\_\_\_\_ **with the Holy Spirit (the Wild Goose)!**

Many are simply ... and I share this w/much sadness ... are \_\_\_\_\_ **to** \_\_\_\_\_ **in their** \_\_\_\_\_!

**Unbelief / unwillingness** \_\_\_\_\_ the **Holy Spirit**, and the **Wild Goose Chase** then \_\_\_\_\_!

**"If you believe you're incapable of knowing God more intimately or of serving Him more powerfully, (then) you're choosing to plateau (yourself) spiritually (i.e. clip your own faith wings; you're grounding yourself from future faith flights)!"** ~ Dr. Richard Blackaby, *Unlimiting God*, 2008, pp. 19

**Either we choose to** \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ **with Christ (Chase the Wild Goose) or we** \_\_\_\_\_ **spiritually ...**  
there are **no other choices / no mixed or blended options** for us **to select!** **Matthew 6:24** Amplified  
**Colossians 3:1-2** The Message

We each need **God's** \_\_\_\_\_ **... to see our lives and Kingdom potential through HIS** \_\_\_\_\_!  
**1 Corinthians 4:6** The Message

Pursuing the will / heart of God involves our having to make decisions that may seem \_\_\_\_\_.  
Pursuing a God-ordained passion, no matter how crazy it may seem, is the most spiritually \_\_\_\_\_ thing  
you and I can ever do along our life journeys North! **1 Corinthians 4:10** Amplified

**"God puts a** \_\_\_\_\_ **in your heart**, that **God-ordained passion becomes your** \_\_\_\_\_. And you  
have a **choice to make**. Are you going to be \_\_\_\_\_ **responsible or responsibly** \_\_\_\_\_?"  
~ Pastor Mark Batterson, *Wild Goose Chase*, 2008, pp. 20

**"\* responsibly irresponsible" –** \_\_\_\_\_ **to allow your human responsibilities to get in the way of**  
**pursuing the** \_\_\_\_\_ **God puts in your heart!**

**Over the course of our lives, our God-ordained** \_\_\_\_\_ **tend to get** \_\_\_\_\_ **beneath our day-to-day responsibilities.**

Those \_\_\_\_\_ to live a life of Chasing the Wild Goose will soar to \_\_\_\_\_ spiritual heights in their journey of faith ...  
partaking of \_\_\_\_\_ of life @ \_\_\_\_\_ spiritual altitudes than most ever experience. **Isaiah 40:31**

It's **OUR** own choice to either **"leave the** \_\_\_\_\_ **" (and set** \_\_\_\_\_ **with Christ)** or **"live at the** \_\_\_\_\_ **!"**

**"Faith does not operate in the realm of the** \_\_\_\_\_. There is **no** \_\_\_\_\_ **for God in that which is humanly**  
**possible. Faith** \_\_\_\_\_ **where man's power** \_\_\_\_\_ **... (in** \_\_\_\_\_ **; Luke 18:27)"**

~ George Muller, Christian Evangelist / Director of Ashley Down Orphanage in Bristol, England in 19<sup>th</sup> Century; man of prayer

**Faith** is the \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ our own **man-made** \_\_\_\_\_!

**A<sup>3</sup> (A)ccept, (A)pply & (A)ct)**