

Where the Spirit Leads?

I am currently reading a book called "One Holy Fire" by Nicky Cruz and it is a hard book to put down. He talks about Pastors and people in ministry that burn out. He shows reasons why and there are too many to mention here, but one thing he did state that caught my attention is that even in the work-force or life in general people burn out for the same reason. This reason being their lives are too organised with time schedules, work loads, helping others do what others should be doing, and so on. He said this; Imagine if Jesus had of given his 12 disciples the title of his board of directors, they would have had him in a spin with this meeting here and that one there, the life of Jesus would have been totally turned upside down and most likely he would never have even gone to the cross as his disciples would have forbidden him to go to Jerusalem, actually Peter did rebuke him about going didn't he?

So have a think about that for 5 minutes before reading on! Now, let's look at what really happened; how and why Jesus did what he did, taking into account that we need to be more like Jesus, He was TOTALLY led of the spirit! **Luk 4:1-4** tells us "*Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, Being forty days tempted of the devil. And in those days he did eat nothing: and when they were ended, he afterward hungered. And the devil said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, command this stone that it be made bread. And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.*

Who is to say that the Holy Spirit may or may not lead us to the other side of Australia or another country to minister to just one person! He done it for Peter and the centurion, Paul and the Macadonian, and when we think of it Jesus said that he only does what he sees his father in heaven doing (**John 8:28,29; John 14:31; John 5:20**). I think too many of us are too quick to assume that God has told us to do this or that or go here or there and off we go and then when it all goes wrong we say oh God wants me to do this now, he changed his mind? Sometimes he does but then again when it all goes wrong sometimes we have a tendency to blame the Devil too saying I am being persecuted because I am doing the will of God. Are we?

I have been persecuted before but not because I was doing the will of God but because I got out of the will of God, it was the only way he could get my attention. If we actually get scripture correct and in its context it actually says in **John 15v20** that we are persecuted for the "words sake" not our own stupidity or loud mouth, it also says in **Mat 5:10** that we can be persecuted for "**Righteousness sake**" or if you translate that it means doing things "**Gods way**". So how do we know we are doing things God's way? **Mat 12:50** tells us For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.

So, I have heard many say that the Bible is the will of God, yes this is true, but what God wants me to do and you to do may two totally different things out of the Bible, if this is not so and we are all to take the word of God "literally" and do his will, I think it is about time we all get off our backside and go into the hospitals, ripping people up of their beds telling them to walk they are healed go home! What would be the result? Catastrophe I reckon!

The Bible says we are **all** called and God has a plan and a purpose for our life, the thing is we need to find out what that plan is and how do we do this? Simple, Jesus said I will send you another comforter the Holy Spirit **John 14v16 & 26, John 15v26, John 16v7**. And again in **Act 1:8** Jesus tells us "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be **witnesses** unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. So basically we need to be led by the Holy Spirit, he will lead us teach us and direct us just like he did with peter and the sheet that came down from heaven, then the vision to join along side the chariot with the eunuch in it, then Paul is even told that he will be bound in chains and led off to Rome, he still went too!

Today how many of us wait on the Holy Spirit to see what **HE** would have us do? What **HE** would have us say? Where **HE** would have us go? Ok, so most of us do these things some of the time, how about daily? I have seen Pastors open a draw full of pre-written sermons and go eany meany miny moe - that one will do. Or they stop and think I don't have enough money coming into the church at the moment so I will preach on giving of finances or tithing, they preach according to areas of problems around them. I have done the same myself! Nicky Cruz in his book I mentioned earlier became entangled in a web of seminars, mass meetings, and visiting churches because it drew the people into the Pastors church, in the end he repented because God had not called him to that and people basically took advantage of him.

Why do you go to the church you do today? Because the preacher is good, it is a big church, maybe they talk about prosperity or healing a lot and you want that in your life?? I know someone who was once called to the Malaysian countries and live by faith literally trusting God for his next meal and his health. **Jeremiah 33v1-11** tells us that if we turn to **GOD** he will show us mighty and wondrous things, and it goes on to say that **HE** shall prosper us not man, but we have to turn to God, hear from God, do **HIS** will for our lives. The only way we can accomplish this is to allow the Holy Spirit to lead us in all areas of our life, listen to him today, ask him to show you what to do or say or where to go, and don't be impatient and expect an answer immediately, it may take time for you to learn to listen to Him, then you have to obey!

I have an old saying - "Where the Spirit leads me I will follow! What he feeds me I will swallow". I have done hard yards in my life, 7 years full time as an assistant Pastor with no pay, but now God is blessing me 3 years later. I have made mistakes and I probably will again, but at least I am open to hear from God's Spirit, I hate doing some things but HE keeps telling me to carry on with it, so I do. **Bless ya's, Roscoe.**