

**Seek Ye First**

**Matthew 6:33 - But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to**

**you.**

Does life ever overwhelm you? It does to me sometimes. It seems that the older I get, the more “life” seems to pull me along like a frazzled teddy bear in the arms of a 3-year old. When did this happen?

It wasn’t always like this. I didn’t stress as a child. Who did? I just now left the preschool kids and not a one of them asked about ISIS, politics or the economy. Instead they were taking turns roaring like a lion and jumping off the little nursery playground. Oh to go back! Back when the biggest concern was whether I’d get a cherry popsicle or an orange (no kids like the orange ones by the way). Back when I would play until the street lights would come on. Stress was having to go to bed on a school night before I was tired.

When did this start? One day I’m splashing in the ocean and the next I’m fighting to tread water. When did that happen? When did I stop skipping? Kicking rocks? Dreaming?

Sitting here now and thinking about it, I can tell you when…

When I started believing I needed everything I saw others enjoying. The cars. The houses. The “toys.” It was when I believed I couldn’t live without the smart phone, the Wi-Fi, the game systems and the satellite tv. I was trying to keep up. With whom or what, I didn’t know. But I wasn’t going to be left in the dark ages. Left playing in the dirt with sticks. Left with only my imagination and my imaginary friends.

But then again, I liked them. And being a war hero, as a kid, wasn’t such a bad thing. And who doesn’t love dirt, other than my mom.

We were tricked by the “god of this age.” We were tricked into thinking things brought fulfillment. We were tricked into thinking this was how adults really lived. We had to have this and that to find happiness. Debt was no big deal. Life was “things.”

And in the midst of the high waves, listen to God’s “still small voice.” The same voice that lightly echoes through time. The voice of wisdom; God’s wisdom.

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From My Heart,

**Billy**