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Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?– Psalm 139:7

Many people do not like to go to the dentist. In fact, most don't. If I was to put a "truth serum" in you, I bet you would not be able to say, "I love going to my dentist. He/She loves me and only wants the best for me." I know you believe the latter. Almost.

I have to admit there have been some times in the chair (or the rack, as I like to call it) that I have felt that the dentist has been hearing coins and seeing cruise boats as he has talked to me about what I "need". But that is just my opinion. I am sure that they are looking much more in-depth into my mouth as well as my future and see how I could be happier and healthier. But I still don't like it.

That's probably why many of us don't go unless we need something taken care of. A hurting tooth. An infection causing pain. But if we feel good, we don't go. After all, the cavemen didn't need a dentist right?! Truthfully, no, but do we want the smile of a caveman?

This isn't about going or not going to the dentist so you can relax your argument for or against. It is about us treating God like a dentist. Strange I know, but hear me out.

1. We only go to Him when something is wrong. Man is that true. If you look back to a time in your life when you were praying your hardest, it was probably when you "needed" something. You know, when you were "down", "troubled", "hurting". When we have tried to move forward through the struggle and feel there is nothing more we can do..."God, I need You..."

And do you trust Him? When He says what you need to do, do you believe? Many of us don't. That's why we are so scattered in our devotion. We feel we can walk on our own in good times. Like we don't need Him. Which brings me to my second point.

2. We falsely assume there are times we don't need Him. We think we are running things. Why is it God gets all the attention when its bad and none when times are good. Tell me honestly that you brush your teeth the same way a week after going for your check up as you do the days leading up to it. Same in our spiritual life. We tend to cram all our "Fix me Jesus" times when something is coming up. Why do we do that. Because we start believing our eyes and head over the Holy Spirit that leads us every day.

So don't neglect you "Jesus Times" when everything is good. It is only through His grace and compassion we experience these times. And don't neglect you dentist either. They know what they're doing.

From My Heart,

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