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Meditation from the Moderator

What do you do when you don't know what to do? What do you do while you're waiting for a clear vision of what to do? What do we do now? That's the 64K dollar question, isn't it? Our culture tells us to do something...anything...just keep moving forward! However, our God tells us differently. Our God instructs us to stand still and see the salvation of the Lord. I take that to mean if you don't know what to do just sit tight, be patient and wait on the Lord. Rather than do something and later regret it just be patient. I believe if we can just not put the cart before the horse God will show us what to do.

The first thing I would recommend is for us to remember our faith. Remember, one of the greatest and most comforting doctrines of all the Bible is the Sovereignty of God, which says God is in control. Faith will take us through tough times and see us through the storms of life and lead us to the other side, Amen? Remember and don't get side-tracked or de-railed: God is with us and He is still in control, though circumstances may appear different. He has promised to never leave us nor forsake us. I am reminded of Psalm 23 which says, "Yea, though I walk through the valley of death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me." Yes, dear brother and sister, He is with you and will be with you for all eternity.

Pastor, if you do not have clear vision or direction right now, don't panic. God is still with you. As I understand it, the experience of being temporarily "in the wilderness" where you can't see what's next is more common than we might imagine. The important thing is not to allow our self to settle in and accept it as "just the way things are." Regardless of our feelings, we have to continue to lean on the everlasting arms of Jesus. I seem to remember an old and great hymn by that same name. It's an upbeat and encouraging, hymn, the refrain goes like this: "Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms; leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms."

- The first stanza speaks about fellowship, joy, blessedness and peace, found in leaning on the everlasting arms.
- The second tells us how sweet it is to walk in the pilgrim way and how bright the path grows from day to day.
- The third stanza says two things of great importance, "what have I to dread, what have I to fear" and "I have blessed peace with my Lord so near."

So remember, we can never go wrong by leaning on the everlasting arms of Jesus, AMEN?

**Annual Church Profiles
are due September 16.
Please encourage your
church clerk to complete
your church profile.**

CCBA Annual Meeting
October 13 at 6:30 PM
Woodland Grove
Baptist Church

Calendar of Events

September

13 - Executive Committee Meeting - 7:00 PM
22 - Ministers' Meeting - 11:00 AM

October

3 - Widows' Ministry Meeting - 6:00 PM
13 - Annual Meeting - 6:30 PM
27 - Ministers' Meeting - 11:00 AM

Ministers' Meeting

September 22 at 11:00 AM
CCBA Conference Center

Guest: BJ Cardwell
Coffee County Food Pantry

Widow's Ministry Meeting

October 3 at 6:00 PM
Coffee Baptist Association

Senior Adult Luncheon

October 25 at 11:00 AM
Bethany Baptist Church

Please pray for the Military Support Group.

Tuesday at 7:00 pm
at Church on Boll Weevil Circle
Call Dr. John Granger if you are in need.

Senior Adult Singing with Frank Jones

at Hillcrest Baptist Church
September 13
10:00 am - 12:00 pm
This is a free event!

Goodman Baptist Church is in search of a Bi-Vocational Youth Minister.

Contact Bro. Bruce Williams
at 334-389-3621 for more info.

Mount Zion Baptist Church introduces new Youth Ministry!

C.A.S.T. (Christian Artists Sharing Truth). C.A.S.T. is a Christ-centered Creative Arts Ministry which exists to empower a generation of youth by providing a place for them to grow in their relationship with Christ while enjoying the experience of theatre, music, dance, visual and other creative arts.

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