God is the Difference that Makes the Difference

Dan 6:1-25

I want to ask the question today "What is the difference that makes the difference in your life. What is it that enables you to strive to overcome despite the situation or circumstances? What is it that separates Joseph and Daniel from the rest of the so-called faithful?

We all face situations and challenges that test our faith. These hardships we are often confronted with can make you question your ability to get through them. What is it that is in you that carries you over the finish line intact? There is something different about these people. There is something that separates people like Joseph and Daniel from the rest who collapse during the trial.

Joseph and Daniel were two biblical figures who faced immense adversity in their lives. Joseph was sold into slavery by his brothers, yet he managed to rise to a position of power and influence in Egypt. Similarly, Daniel was taken captive and faced numerous trials, but he remained faithful to his beliefs and rose to prominence in Babylon. What set them apart was their unwavering faith, their willingness and ability to trust in God's plan, and their willingness to continue to persevere no matter how long it took.

What made the difference was their faith and frame of mind, their mindset. Joseph and Daniel chose to focus on the bigger picture rather than getting caught up in the immediate struggles they found themselves in. Joseph could have allowed the fact that he was in jail turn his faith and trust in God into doubt because of how long it took for God to respond. Daniel could have given up when thrown into the lion's den with no one there to intercede. But neither Daniel nor Joseph gave in to the immediate circumstances. What we who find ourselves in circumstances beyond our understanding must understand within every setback there is an opportunity for God to shine His light.

It is within the mindset of every Christian to trust in God with the help of the Holy Spirit. When Jesus departed God sent the comforter. God sent an Advocate, a divine Counselor to live in us and walk with us through the difficulties we all will face. The reason God sent the Comforter was so we would not allow fear to consume us. We would not allow doubt to separate us from His Omnipotence.

The difference that makes the difference has always been our faith in Jesus Christ. It is our trust that turns the tide. It is our letting go and letting God take over. God cannot take over until you let go. It is our trust in God that gives us the strength to let go.

Faith has always been the difference that makes the difference. Trust has always been the mechanism that grows our faith. What both Daniel and Joseph had was the ability to allow the most trying of hardships to teach them how to let go. They allowed their limitations to come full circle and realized they were unable to do a thing. Only God could turn this around. Only God could fix this situation.

Do you find yourself in a situation beyond your abilities, beyond your control? Let go, let God. Allow the Difference Maker to enter into your situation. Turn everything over to God and He will make the difference you need someone to make in your life.

Blessings,
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