

Siebring Flyer

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The Loneliness Of God

John Piper once wrote “Missions exists because worship does not”. This quote came to mind recently as I came across another passage in a book by Joy Dawson. It was a question that I had never really heard framed in the way she asked and it got me thinking. The question was if we have ever considered the loneliness of God?

Our God who is surrounded by Glorious creatures and angels, shouting his praise so loud it shakes the pillars of heaven, created man for relationship and then was separated from him. God went to the most extraordinary length's to restore that relationship by sending his own son to live as one of us and die for us. Yet now across the earth as he looks down, he see's vast numbers worshipping false God's and slaves to sin, having not yet heard of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. When God see's these people, he thinks of them individually and relationally. He see's broken relationships.

God see's even his own church that is in a restored relationship with the father, mostly seeking his hand and not his face; having at most an arms length relationship. The Holy Spirit challenged me with this thought “If I talked to my wife the same way or amount I do with God, what type of relationship would there be?” God was challenging me to go deeper. He wants my time, blatant honesty and an open relationship with deep intimacy. We don't need the pretenses and rituals but just the relationship.

After this exchange took place I prayed “I want to know your face & that I would receive the inheritance the tribe of Levi received in the Old Testament”. All the other tribes of Israel received their lands as an inheritance from God's hand but God said to the tribe of Levi. I am your portion and your inheritance ([Num 18:20](#)). The Levi's got to serve in God's presence (face). Missions is a temporary Endeavour and will end when all worship Jesus. [Isaiah 45:23](#) & [Phil 2:6-11](#). Missions is my assigned work but my Worship is intimate, relational and eternal. I want to seek his face not just his hand - Ray



AFGHAN PROFILE

Afghans will tell you that their country is historically a product and victim of it's geographic location. It is the crossroads of Central Asia. This territory has been conquered by the Persians under Darius, Alexander the Great (Greeks), Genghis Khan (The Mongol's), and Anglo's (British).
- Bradt

Afghanistan's most recent history is a story of war and civil unrest as well. The Soviet Union invaded in 1979, but was forced to withdraw 10 years later by anti-Communist mujahidin forces supplied and trained by the US, Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, and others. The Communist regime in Kabul fought on until collapsing in 1992. Fighting subsequently erupted among the various mujahidin factions, giving rise to a state of warlordism that eventually spawned the Taliban. The most recent invader is the USA and helped the Afghans gain independence from the Taliban. It is no wonder they blame foreigners as the cause of all their problems.
- CIA World Factbook



Treasure Hunt

This past week our discipleship training school (DTS) was learning about intercession and hearing the voice of God. The instructor for the week, Sarah Williams, shared with us briefly about God loving to take his children on treasure hunts. Sarah encouraged us as a class to seek God the next time we went for a walk and ask God to show us one of his treasures.

As I heard this idea of going on a treasure hunt I immediately thought, “That would be a great way to teach our children how to hear the voice of the Lord”. That afternoon, after classes were completed for the day, I decided to take the kids on a treasure hunt with God.

The kids and I began by asking God to search our hearts and we repented of any sins. We then asked God to lead our steps and lead us to our treasure. The children lead me past many things they could have considered to be their treasure... a duck pond, a big puddle just perfect for jumping in, a playground etc. Any time the kids would get to a place where we had to make a decision with more then one direction to go, they would stop and pray for God's direction once again. After praying one last time, Elias and Bella lead us into the main building at the YWAM base and down stairs to where our DTS classes are held. As Elias opened the door to the class room he exclaimed, “Look, there's my treasure, it's my daddy!” and pointed to Ray who was working at his desk. Where does our treasure lie? My prayer is that I would be like my children and proclaim to my heavenly Father, “Look there's my treasure, it's my Abba Father!!” [Matt 6:19-34](#). - Julie



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Prayer

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Dear Family, Friends & Partners,

So comes the end of another month. I am caught off guard as my birthday nears once again signaling that there are only 325 more shopping days left till Christmas. Better hurry. It is also around this time most new years resolutions have already been broken at least once if not completely discarded. I am thankful that through all the change and failings in our lives that the one constant is our God who never changes and never fails. We are looking at each day as an adventure and this new year as a journey into God's will to bring glory to his son Jesus.

We are comforted that we have people like you who the Lord has called along side us to share this adventure of life. As we have stated many times we could not accomplish this task alone. We are only one small part of the body and you are another. You may not know this but you are going to Afghanistan this year (through us). As we go to serve it is the support of the whole body that sustains us. Whether your support is through prayer, financial giving, or just friendship and encouragement. We need you and pray to be a blessing in return as we are faithful to this call. Have a great year as you live the adventure of God's will in your life.

[Rom 12:4-5](#) & [1Cor. 12:12-27](#)

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Our Tentative Timeline...

YWAM [DTS](#) training in Colorado Springs, CO

Jan, '05

Outreach phase of [DTS](#) begins and possible departure to Afghanistan upon completion

April, '05

Depart for Afghanistan

Spring



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