

Memo 5: last days for this trip to Barbados

Nov 2nd Sun

The day started out with devotion in Ps 40. What happens when we follow the calling God has for us?

Off to Church Village CC this morning at 8:15. Ken's message was the difference between our ministry and our mission. Then off to Enterprise CC. Got there at 10:30, service started without us and lasted until 12:20. Met some old friends, stayed, and talked about what is in the future for Barbados. 57 at Church Village and about 50 at Enterprise.

Sun night was Bible study at Church Village and we had about 26 there.

Nov 3rd Mon

Today is not starting out well. Stephanie's washing machine broke and now there is no way to wash clothes before I leave.

Stephanie took me to the airport and I rented a car----. A couple of things to remember, you shift with your left hand, so stop reaching for the gearshift with your right hand. Furthermore, watch out for curbs on the left. Only your right arm can rest on the door. It was an exciting day playing the second most popular sport on the island, Dodge Emm, holes, cars, and buses.

I got up to Speightstown and all around Holetown. Even places I did not intended to go. I made it ok today, I only hit the curb four times with a glancing blow.

Nov 4th Tue

Today was another day of "Dodge Emm". Ran more errands and spent time talking to anyone that would stop and talk to a total stranger, especially one that was different then them. Saw Sister Marshall again today and she ask how her new fan was. She is a blessing to Barbados.

I hit No curbs today. I have to pack tonight because I fly out in the morning.

It has been interesting here with all the Obama fans.

I keep thinking about this mission and how it will succeed. I know it will, if God is in it and I am out of it; that is, I must continue to die to self, and let Him be in control.

I know that God is Not about my Success, but His. How can we know what God's will is if we are not His child? How can we know that God has adopted us? Is God concerned about our success? What do we live so that God's success will shine in us?

"I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. The man who loves his life will lose it, while the man who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me."

John 12:24-26

It seems that God is all about our death so that HIS Glory or success can be realized through us!

I believe that this is why the Church is having such little impact - there are too many of us believers who have not yet died to their old nature (self) so that Christ can live fully through them. *When*, and not until, we as believers come to the end of ourselves, will we lose our lives to Him and live through the power of the Holy Spirit. Then we begin to see the reality of a living gospel that impacts lives, workplaces, cities, and nations.

Much of our modern Christianity is liken to 'Ishmael.' Born not of God, but of an inordinate (undue, unwarranted) desire to do God's will *in our own way* – Christ never did, the psalmist describes what it means to live in our own strength:

“Unless the LORD builds the house, its builders labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain. In vain you rise early and stay up late, toiling for food to eat-- for he grants sleep to those he loves.” Psalm 127:1-2

How does one die so that Christ can be our all and all? It usually takes a crisis of significant (major,) proportions (magnitude or scope) for most people to relinquish (surrender) the control of their lives. It means we must come to the end of ourselves and of our striving to control the events in our lives and finally come to the place where we can say, "Lord, I surrender." Please take full control of my life."

We must all ask ourselves, “Have I come to this place with God in my life?” Let go and let God make you a success His way.

Please excuse the double words I am trying to increase my vocabulary.

Nov 5th Wed

Going home, up at 5AM, to the airport by 6AM, and out at 8 AM.

Flying to Miami , will have a long lay over, and I now know my way around the Miami airport.

Then to Dallas , left Miami at 3:50 PM, I pray that the weather holds until I get to Tulsa .

Arrived Tulsa at 9:00 PM. Lots of lightening but rain held off for the drive home to Neosho .

More later

Nov 6th Thu

Home and it is sure good to see Kandi. Today is day of unpacking and rest.

I have to get ready to give a presentation on the 13th and one in Sunday morning Bible class.

Then get ready to go the National Missionary Convention in Tulsa on the 19th.

Check out the web site. Let me know your comments.

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Blessings in Christ,