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Journeying To The *Heart* of God



I recently picked up a book entitled "A Woman's Journey to the Heart of God" by Cynthia Heald and I was inspired by the following passage taken from its introduction. It's a conversation between a father and a child and it goes like this:

*The Father spoke:
Come child, let us journey together
Where shall we go, Father?
To a distant land, another kingdom
So the journey will be long?*

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*Yes, we must travel every day
When will we reach our destination?
At the end of your days
And who will accompany us?
Joy and Sorrow
Must Sorrow travel with us?
Yes, she is necessary to keep you close to me
But I want only Joy
It is only with Sorrow that you will know true
Joy
What must I bring?
A willing heart to follow me
What shall I do on the journey?
There is only one thing that you must
do – stay close to me, let nothing
distract you, always keep your eyes on
me.
And what will I see?
You will see my Glory
And how will I know?
You will know my heart*

The Father stretched out His hand. The child, knowing the great love her Father had for her, placed her hand in His and began her journey.

Was that how your spiritual journey started? Such a journey began the day you said yes to following Jesus.

Once we understand that the journey begins with our commitment, then the preparation and sacrifice necessary to arrive at our final destination, take on a new meaning. Each day becomes precious because each day is part of the process that brings us nearer to God's heart.

However, such a journey brings uncertainty for the end is shrouded in mystery and like the child, our questions continue to the Father.

*The Father spoke again:
Are you ready, my child?
Yes but I have nothing to bring except
myself
You are all I need
Surely I must bring something; I do not
feel prepared to travel
Do not concern yourself with
preparations. Your journey has already
begun
But I am fearful
There is nothing to fear; I will always be
with you
Will you give me what I need?
I will provide for you
What will you provide?
All that is essential for your journey
And what is essential?
I will show you along the way. For now,
you have what is necessary. the desire
to draw close to my heart.*



The highest privilege and greatest joy I have had in my life is to embark on the journey toward the heart of our Heavenly Father. His desire to lead me to places I would never dare to go has deeply enriched and shaped my life.

A major part of my journey is now over and as I look back, I cherish the day I placed my hand in His; I am humbled by His tender care and personal involvement in my life. My journey is His journey and it has given me a priceless glimpse of His Heart – loving, generous, faithful, gracious, and forgiving.

I am still on this spiritual journey through life and I realize that choosing to travel toward my eternal home requires several anchors in today's world. Many destinations clamor for my attention – with so many “pulls”, it can be difficult to discern which road to choose to travel on each day. But choose we must, for each day may take us toward some destination other than where we are supposed to end up! So what does it take to stay the course in our Heavenly Father's home?

Am I trusting God for the route my journey is taking? For many of us, one of the greatest challenges is letting go of our desire to exercise control. As long as our heart has a mind of its own, it will never align itself with God's will, right? But if I choose to be a disciple of Jesus, then I must accept God's plan and His designated route so I can run my appointed course. My part is to allow Him to be in full control. “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your

own understanding. In all your ways, submit to Him and he will make your paths straight” (Proverbs 3:5-6)

What situation am I in presently that is making me fearful? Even after being assured of God's presence with us through the Holy Spirit, are we still fearful of what tomorrow may bring? Yes, without a doubt – believers like you and me can also react with intense fear and painful disappointments to life's trials. I take further comfort as I reflect on Isaiah 41:10 “Do not fear for I am with you; do not be dismayed for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand”.

Am I adopting an attitude of gratitude? Gratitude goes beyond physical blessings, being grateful to God is also to have eyes that see the best in people, a heart that forgives the worst, a mind that forgets the bad, and a soul that never loses faith in Him, no matter what circumstance we are in. I praise God for the strength He gives me – because of His work in my life, I am not defeated by the darkness of the world around me. What else am I grateful for? His grace and mercy. “For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God” (Ephesians 2:8)



How can I remind myself to pause and talk to God more frequently? Knowing that I will stand before God and answer for how I have spent my time motivates me to do so! And so as I pause now and then in my quiet time with Him, I am not afraid to ask for His help and courage to make corrections and amendments along the way. I know it is also relational as I fellowship with God and it is restorative as well – He refreshes me and I am renewed in spirit to face another day.

I acknowledge my dependence on Him as in John 15:5 Jesus declares “I am the vine, you are the branches. If you abide in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing”.

Am I using my time and resources to glorify God? It is so easy to be carried away with compliments and to accept praise for our achievements. We go through life intent on making sure that we are recognized and appreciated. Everyone wants to be significant and respected. This is living in order to bring ourselves glory. Now why does God want us to bring Him glory? Because He is the only one worthy of receiving glory. Our fulfillment comes in living to exalt Him, for He is our creator and our sovereign Lord. How do we know if we are bringing

glory to God? Whenever we do something selflessly and serve humbly, God receives glory. Apostle Paul clearly states our purpose in 1 Cor 10:31 “Whatever you eat or drink or whatever you do, you must do all for the glory of God”. John Piper says it best “Bringing God glory does not mean to make Him more glorious. It means to acknowledge His glory and to value it above all things and to make it known”. Therefore my prayer is whatever I do, God please help me to do it for your glory.

There are, of course, many more aspects of my life that I should constantly be examining. You may have different ones depending on where God has placed you and your circumstances may call for different reflections in your spiritual journey. Take some time to re-examine your own path. Don't be afraid to ask God to guide you, to make each day count for His glory.

Walking with God is my best adventure, finding God is my best achievement, and having God as a companion for my life's journey is my best experience for the fullness of true joy. I pray it is the same for you too.



By Pearly Yeoh

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Praying Hebrew 11

Lord I thank you for your Spirit that led me to have faith, to believe you exist and you reward those who seek you. For it would be impossible to please you and draw near to you without faith (verse 6)

Lord teach me to obey your call - to go out to the unknown so as to receive your inheritance and promises - just like Abraham. To be ready to believe you are more than able to do the impossible as you have promised (verse 8-12).

Lord I beg that you will give me wisdom and discernment like Moses - choosing to be mistreated along with the people of

God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. To consider the disgrace for the sake of Christ's greater value than earthly treasures. To persevere for the sake of seeing you, the invisible God (verse 23-28).

Lord, grow my faith that I may be like the heroes in Hebrews 11 who believed that you had planned something better for your people so that together we will be made perfect (verse 40). And teach me to rest in your perfect will.