

**General Topics :: My Spiritual Crisis****My Spiritual Crisis - posted by Bedson, on: 2011/8/9 3:46**

Hi all,

I'm in need of some kind of directions or suggestions.
Here is my story:

I've been a church goer since the age of 9, where I went along to the local Pente. Church because it was a family that I n ever had. I got baptized because it was the thing to do, and I served and was a good member but had no clue about wh ere I stood in relation to God and eternity.

Fast forward 10 years later, and I left home and moved in with some fellow young Christians. I went along to their church , and promptly encountered God and finally got washed and received the inner witness and assurance. I was healed of e motional hurts from my childhood, I started excelling in everything I did and got numerous promotions at work (was youn gest and newest in my office, but the favour was unbelievable). I was also healed of a recurring collapsed lung; my poi nt is that I was in a place where the life of God was everywhere, I had the Holy Ghost like crazy, and I would encounter miracles very often. It was definitely the fulfillment of 3 prophecies I had as a young kid.

Now I want to further expound on this church I was a part of; The pastor is fairly well-known in certain circles, and the ch urch was aligned with the likes of Benny Hinn, Jesus Culture, etc etc. Pretty much the newly emerging 'holy ghost rollers ' with great emphasis on physical healing. The church is mostly extremely exuberant and 'know-it-all' under 30's.

I somehow came across Ravenhill, Tozer, Reidhead, and many others, and was hungry for so much of those sermons. I brought old books and devoured them, even purchasing a \$300 copy of a John Wesley Redfield biography from the US A. At this stage I was growing very fast, and felt this path of teaching was God-inspired. However, I was the only one in t he church using this material.

Basically what happened was, the church would jump from one currently popular anointed christian worship leader/grou p, and I would struggle to keep up with the culture and feel condemned. There was a definite anointing and much move ment of the spirit, but I didn't really want to be moving here or there for the latest global movement. Some of my peers a nd leaders were making comments about how I should do this, or do that, or less of that, or don't do that. So many confli cting pressures, and I was eventually labelled as rebellious. All this lead to much hurt, anger and honestly, bitterness to ward a few people.

I stopped attending because my spiritual life and walk with God just fell apart, and I was having to see a psychiatrist for a few months. I took a break to figure out who I am and to reflect. I prayed, and released those who I felt hurt me. During this time I totally shut myself off from the church, because anyone trying to contact me would bring up a terrible sorrow o f the 'death' of my faith.

My dilemma is that I want to be right with God, however since I left the church He has totally gone silent (with exception f or a few touches from the Spirit) and my appetite for anything spiritual is virtually nil. I can't pretend that He isn't who He is, and I know that I am to serve in some capacity in the future. I used to wake up in the mornings with the warmth of the Holy Spirit on my shoulders (like walking under a heater), and I greatly miss that companionship and rich personal fellow ship. I yearn to walk into building again, and just meet with God, with no condemnation from people. I don't want to go b ack, because I don't want to be part of a 'zealously spiritual expansionist' movement. But I also know there is a correlatio n between me leaving the church, and the severing of the spirit from my life.

Re: My Spiritual Crisis - posted by MyVeryHeart (), on: 2011/8/9 4:18

Hello,

I don't know very much about God, or how to meet God.

I met with him on a mountain and we have been walking together ever since. I just listened to a sister share about the w ork amongst the heroine addicts in Hong Kong. Like her, I just want to love Jesus and other people. That's all it is to me now. I know he is coming back soon, and that his Spirit is working mightily among the poor and destitute, like myself, my brothers, and sisters around the world. This brings me much peace and joy, because Jesus is getting the love that he de serves, and my brothers and sisters are rejoicing with the angels in heaven as the lost are found.

I posted a link below about that sister's testimony about how God uses the foolish things. I will pray for you. Peace in Christ.

Travis

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Re: My Spiritual Crisis, on: 2011/8/9 13:39

Bedson,

Brother put away Ravenhill, Wesley, etc. There is only one book you need, the New Testament. Get alone with God. You ask him to meet you in the pages of his word. Then start reading in Mathews and go all the way through to Revelation. If you have not met Christ somewhere in the pages of his word then read it again and again until he shows up. The promise of scripture is come near to me and I will come near to you. Also those that seek God must believe that he exists and he rewards those who seek him.

Will keep you on prayer. God speed to you.

Blaine

Re: My Spiritual Crisis, on: 2011/8/9 13:41

Bedson your story sounds somewhat familiar to mine. That is, I too have had the Holy Spirit in my life His tender touch for over 30 years. He may have worked somewhat different in my life. But the Lord lead me and spoke things to me and revealed things to me. I had a great intercessory prayer ministry. But one day about 18 months ago, I woke up and the Holy Spirit had moved far away from me. Why? SIN!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! It was a long standing sin problem and eventually the Lord just said, "enough". My life has been very painful ever since. For several months I wanted to die and commit suicide.

You say at the very end, "But I also know there is a correlation between me leaving the church and the severing of the spirit from my life"

Sorry, brother but it has nothing to do with it in a religious sense. I believe the only reason the Holy Spirit may have moved away from you is because of sin in your own life. I don't know the details of that. But if I was in your position I would say forget ministry, forget prosperity ministry, forget healing ministry, just Lord Jesus what have I done to offend you, and what can I do to have you back in my life with your close touch and your anointing again? Who the heck cares about anything else?

Thanks.

Re: , on: 2011/8/9 13:55

Get back to the Bible. Period.

Go one step further than martyr suggested, I recommend the entire Bible... not just the New Testament.

The last poster may or may not be right. There does not necessarily have to be some deep rooted sin in your life. That's really bad theology. Sometimes we go thru the desert because God takes us thru the desert... and He has His reasons. The last poster sounds just like Job's friends.

Maybe there is sin, and if so... deal with it. But I think God is simply stripping all the fluff away from you and getting you down to the core of things. I went thru a similar thing. Glad I did!

Get back to the Word and nothing else.

Krispy

Re: My Spiritual Crisis, on: 2011/8/9 15:23

"But I also know there is a correlation between me leaving the church, and the severing of the spirit from my life."

In your concluding statement there you really talk about where the rubber meets the road. But, you're kind of short on details there. I just know in my own life the Holy Spirit didn't leave because I changed churches.

But your post in spite of how long it is is also vague about a lot of things. What do you mean the Holy Spirit severed? Do you mean you lost the anointing for miracles? Do you mean you didn't have His soft touch when you would pray? Do you mean He just moved away from you in all areas of your life?

Were you trying to live a spiritual life in the power of the flesh? Satan will always come to collect if you do this. Sorry brother, but I still don't understand why the Holy Spirit moved away from you. I honestly don't think it had anything to do with you leaving that church. But I have heard stories of the Holy Spirit leaving men who embraced some kind of false teaching and didn't repent of it. I think you are going to have to be more forthcoming about what is going on in your life. Here's a good read on grieving or quenching the Holy Spirit:

<http://www.spurgeon.org/sermons/0278.htm>

Quote from Spurgeon below:

"Hearken to me for a moment, and God bless the words. Brother, stay not a moment in a condition so perilous; be not easy for a single second in the absence of the Holy Ghost. I beseech you use every means by which that Spirit may be brought back to you. Once more, let me tell you distinctly what the means are. Search out for the sin that has grieved the Spirit, give it up, slay that sin upon the spot; repent with tears and sighs; continue in prayer, and never rest satisfied until the Holy Ghost comes back to you. Frequent an earnest ministry, get much with earnest saints, but above all, be much in prayer to God, and let your daily cry be, "Return, return, O Holy Spirit return, and dwell in my soul." Oh, I beseech you be not content till that prayer is heard, for you have become weak as water, and faint and empty while the Spirit has been away from you."

And here's another good link on the subject, and it is a lot shorter:

http://jameslau88.com/a_christian_is_one_who_has_the_holy_spirit_in_him.html

Re: , on: 2011/8/9 15:34

Endzone... I just want to let you know my comment was not meant as a slam. I just disagree that it what he is going thru is necessarily cause by a sin. It could be, but may not be. Since we do not know this gentleman we need to be careful not to draw hard line conclusions.

Krispy

Re: - posted by Bedson, on: 2011/8/9 20:40

I'm very appreciative of the replies, and there are some valid points raised.

I am an extremely honest, open and transparent person. If it was sin, I would probably know about it. Prior to the bad season, I was going through a great season with lots of blessings and visions etc. I want to also point out that I wasn't involved in ministry or leadership; I just attended church and helped in any way that I could.

I can't identify anything that the Lord was pinpointing in me, so I am at a loss as to what happened.

The Holy Spirit was my most valued and treasured companion; I respected Him, loved Him, tried my hardest to listen and follow him with the most sincere heart possible.

I was also very guarded and jealous with my relationship with God. I was open to input from people, but I would dismiss anything that I thought was not for me. I would weigh it up with the Holy Spirit and prayer.

I am certainly happier and much more peaceful than I was at the church; constantly struggling with intense scrutiny I perceived from others, and also coupled with my own personal high standards.

Re: - posted by InTheLight (), on: 2011/8/9 20:56

"Above all, taking the shield of faith..."

What doth this "above all" point to? There is variety among interpreters about it. Jerome reads it, in all things taking the shield of faith; i.e. in all duties, enterprises, temptations or afflictions - in whatever you are called to do or suffer, take faith. "Without faith it is impossible to please God. And how can the Christian ever please himself in that wherein he doth not please his God?"

Others read it, "Over all, take the shield of faith;" i.e. take it over all your graces, as that which will cover them. All other graces have their safety from faith; they lie secure under the shadow of faith, as an army lies safe under the protection and command of a strong castle, planted round with cannons.

But, we shall follow our translation, as being most comprehensive - "Above all, take," etc.; that is, among all the pieces of armour which you are to provide and wear for your defence, let this have the pre-eminence of your care to get, and having got, to keep.

Now, that the apostle meant to give a pre-eminency to faith above the other graces is seen -

First - By the piece of armour that he compares it to - the shield. This, of old, was prized above all other pieces by soldiers. They counted it greater shame to lose their shield, than to lose the field, and therefore when under the very foot of their enemy, they would not part with it, but esteemed it an honour to die with their shield in their hand. It was the charge that one laid upon her son, going into war, when she gave him a shield, that he should either bring his shield home with him, or be brought home upon his shield.

Second - By the noble effect that is here ascribed to faith - "by which ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked." The other pieces are nakedly commended, "take the girdle of truth, breastplate of righteousness," and so on... yet, when Paul speaks of faith, he ascribes the whole victory to it. This quenched "all the fiery darts of the wicked." Every piece hath its necessary use in the Christian's warfare, but their efficacy and our benefit from them is in their conjunction with faith. "Above all, taking the shield of faith."

-William Gurnall.

Re: My Spiritual Crisis - posted by AbideinHim (), on: 2011/8/9 21:41

Brother,

You are in the minority and you are blessed to have been led out of all of the hype that so many Christians get caught up in.

Sin will keep you out of fellowship with God, but if we repent and confess our sins to the Lord that fellowship will be restored.

There are dry seasons that we go through from time to time, but don't let that keep you from seeking God, because if you seek the Lord with all of your heart, then you will find Him.

You have a hunger for God and all those that hunger and thirst for righteousness shall be filled. The most important thing that you can do is to know God through the Word and the revelation of the Holy Spirit.

It is also important that you are in fellowship with other Christians. The Lord will lead you as you seek Him and ask Him for guidance.

The presence of the Lord will return to you as you seek the Lord and wait on Him, but remember that whether you feel God or not is no indication of how you are doing spiritually. Put your faith in the faithfulness of God and in His unchangeable Word regardless of your feelings. God will keep you in perfect peace if you set your mind on those things that are above. Good spiritual books are helpful as the Lord leads, but the bible should always be the primary book that you go to. Ask the Holy Spirit to lead and teach you in the reading of the Word.

Mike

Re: - posted by JB1968 (), on: 2011/8/9 22:00

"Trust in the LORD with all thine heart. Lean not to thine own understanding. In all thy way acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths" Prov. 3:5-6

Job was alone and did not "feel" God. However, in spite of his "comforters", God had not left Job. He was going through some dark tunnels, but he could finally say, "I know that my redeemer liveth"! God was faithful to Job, and Job was faithful to God.

Re: - posted by Giggles (), on: 2011/8/9 22:02

Good thread. Thanks for sharing Bedson and others for the replies.

Re: , on: 2011/8/9 22:16

Thanks Krispy, I know you weren't trying to slam me.

Bedson, I'm trying to think of where that verse is that says, "He hath given the Holy Spirit to those that obey Him". You say there was no disobedience or sin in your life. OK, maybe you're right. But I just can't think of any examples in the Bible where the Holy Spirit was withdrawn that it was not precipitated by some type of sin or iniquity in a believer's life. But maybe I'm wrong about that too. I've sure been wrong before--haha. Well, I know there isn't anything more I can add to this thread. I guess the Lord will have to reveal it to you.

Re: - posted by StarofGOD (), on: 2011/8/9 22:20

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Travis

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Amen BROTHER God bless you!

Re: - posted by rorichts (), on: 2011/8/9 22:30

very good advise Mike, the question is will you serve God for who He is even if for six months or six years there are no warm fuzzy's, opportunities to minister, or any other indications of the Holy Spirit. It is not about the Holy Spirit for it is Jesus who is King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Will you serve with out any indications of His presence or just because of Who He is and what He did for you?

Your focus is on Him not on any evidence

Good advise on studying the Word this time ponder the verses about testings and sufferings of not only fellow believers but also of Jesus Himself.

robert

Re: - posted by MyVeryHeart (), on: 2011/8/9 23:40

Hi Bedson,

I listened to Intimacy by that same sister I mentioned earlier in the thread. I was really encouraged. I will post the link below.

<https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/singlefile.php?lid=13232&commentView=itemComments>

Peace in Christ

Travis

Re: Going through the fires, on: 2011/8/10 7:24

Hi Bedson

Your story is familiar to those who seek the deeper things of God. It is natural to try to seek a reason, and indeed Job's comforters will be there to point to sin, but the way you are going is not so simple. You should take comfort in the peace you feel from leaving the church - you are indeed blessed to have escaped.

I presume that you decided one day to give your all for Christ and this is the way of it. There are many disciplines and trials we must go through and losing the presence of God is involved and indeed is the worst part of it.

The advice to read scriptures alone is not one I would recommend though of course one should continue to read, but at times like this we need a little guidance from others unless the Lord has decreed that we are going to go it alone. I have found help from others who have travelled this path and it has been a great comfort to know that

- a, it is normal
- b, you have not gone astray
- c, you are going to learn patience and walking by faith alone.

I pray that you will be lead to sources of encouragement and help.

Brenda

Re: - posted by AbideinHim (), on: 2011/8/10 7:31

"But I just can't think of any examples in the Bible where the Holy Spirit was withdrawn that it was not precipitated by some type of sin or iniquity in a believer's life."

Brother,

As for as a child of God is concerned we have the Word of the Lord that God will never leave us or forsake us. The Holy Spirit will abide with us forever. Yes, we can grieve the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of God can be quenched, and through sin we can break our fellowship with God. If the Holy Spirit left us when we sinned, there would be no way for our fellowship to be restored for He is the one that convicts us of our sins. This is not to condemn us, that is the job of the accuser of the brethren, but He deals with us so that we will repent, move out of the darkness back into the light, and have our fellowship with God restored.

God has never promised us that we will be exempt from trials. At times the tangible presence of the Lord is withdrawn from us. It is easy to serve God and walk with God when you sense His presence and His anointing, but the Lord desires that we would love Him with all of our heart, not for what He can do for us, but just because of who He is. Our hearts are being tested when there is no outward evidence that God is with us, and we must learn to walk by faith and not by sight. Our faith is in the fact that we are in Christ and He is living in us. Our faith is not based on outward circumstances or feelings but on the great facts of what the Word says of who we are in Christ, and what Christ has done for us through the finished work of the cross.

Mike

- posted by carters (), on: 2011/8/10 18:42

Re: , on: 2011/8/11 0:38

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Mike I will tell you with complete honesty that this has not been my experience from 1981 to 2010 in my walk with the Lord Jesus Christ. Almost anytime I could go get on my knees beside my bed and ask the Lord for guidance and direction. Many times He would lead by His Holy Spirit right then and there. Sometimes the answer came a few days later. Always there was His tender touch and comfort. This never changed over a 30 year span, and I spent a lot of time in prayer.

Only last year did the Lord finally back away from me in judgment and anger after I refused to let go of this horrible sin problem in my life that was repeated over 500 times. I have not experienced those dry times or whatever they are that everybody else is talking about. The Holy Spirit never moved away from me for some kind of purpose you all are describing . I had a close relationship with the Lord. In 1995 I was sitting at the back of Calvary Cathedral International church in Ft. Worth, TX, and I prayed "Lord I wish a tornado would come through here and destroy all this". Well 5 years later a tornado did come through and ruin the building. Noone in the church was hurt! The finger of God was on that tornado and it touched down in spots where the Lord wanted it to. Another time I just went to the Lord in prayer and asked the Lord who it was that was doing the killings in Washington, DC by sniper rifle. The Lord spoke to me and said, "It's 2 black guys from the Tacoma, WA area and one is much older than the other, but they are both under 40. That is what the Lord said. In 2000 I was sitting in a Wendy's restaurant in Bellevue, WA with my absentee ballot for president. This was in October. As I checked "Pat Buchanan" the HOLY Spirit came over me in such a powerful way and He asked, "Are you sure you really want to do that"? Then the Spirit showed me that this race would be so close that we would not know who won for days and maybe weeks.

These are some of the poignant things I remember. But just about anytime I could ask the Lord things and He would usually speak. Sometimes the Lord would even reveal to me who was going to win college football games. You may not believe it, but I don't care. What I'm saying is over a 30 year span this did not change in my life. I never went through a dry time. I have gone through a horrible time the past 18 months as this precious touch of the HOLY Spirit has moved far away from me, and the Lord doesn't speak to me like this anymore. The Lord finally said enough regarding this sin habit I had in my life. Thanks.

Craig

Re: , on: 2011/8/11 5:13

Craig you said "Sometimes the Lord would even reveal to me who was going to win college football games."

Craig, the Lord does not act like this, if so then one could make a lot of money in betting, encouraging worldliness. It is exposure to temptation rather than being kept from it. Also you say that you do not experience the ebbs and flows which others speak about and which is depicted in Song of Songs, as the way of the Lord in bringing His beloved souls into deeper communion with Himself.

Saying this as carefully as I can, but when one is experiencing things which are outside the remit of normal Christian experience, then one must test the spirits. The enemy hides behind beautiful thoughts and often beautiful feelings so that even the elect are fooled, and the most obvious sign that one is being deceived is to think that one cannot be.

Another thing that stands out for me is when you say that you were in serious sin during this time of closeness to the Lord, and this cannot be.

I say this for your benefit not to attack you.

Re: , on: 2011/8/11 9:01

Umm... I agree with krautfrau on this.

I coach football. I wish God would reveal the outcome of football games to me!

Seriously tho, test the spirits, as kraut said. Be careful what you attribute to God.

And it's impossible to be living in serious unrepentance and be close to the Lord. No way. Not saying you lose your salvation because thats an impossibility... but the intamcy can be gone.

Krispy

Re: - posted by rorichts (), on: 2011/8/11 9:24

"Not saying you lose your salvation because thats an impossibility..."

You may want to read through scripture some more on that one
robert

Re: - posted by AbideinHim (), on: 2011/8/11 9:25

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roblem in my life that was repeated over 500 times. I have not experienced those dry times or whatever they are that ev
erybody else is talking about."

Brother,

The Lord will chasten His own children. The chastisement of the Lord is for our own good, and any good parent will discipline his children. I thank God for the chastisement of the Lord in my own life. Brother, no Christian ought to play with sin because we are under the covenant of grace. In my own experience, anytime that I have sinned after I was a Christian, there was nothing but unrest and misery in my life. I would run to Jesus after each failure. The blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin that is repented of and confessed. From God's side He doesn't even remember the sin again, but from our side there is a battle that takes place in our soul after any act of disobedience because willful sin opens the door to the powers of darkness. The enemy will lie to you and tell you that you have committed the unpardonable sin. He will tell you that God is angry with you and that you will never be used by the Lord again. He will tell you that your joy and peace will never be restored because of your sin. Brother, these are all lies, and the only way that these lies can be overcome is that we would take hold of the truth of God's Word. God's presence, peace and joy will be restored as we believe and appropriate the promises of God.

Mike

Re: , on: 2011/8/11 10:09

Quote:

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Gee... I never thought of that. :-/

We're not going to get into that debate... suffice it to say that if "staying saved" depends on your efforts then your salvation is not of grace, it's of works.

It always amazes me that Christians will agree that they were not saved based on their efforts... and then turn around and say their efforts are what keep them saved. It's one or the other, but you cant have both.

Either nothing can separate us from the love of God, or the Bible is a fairy tale and your faith is in vain and Jesus died for nothing...

Krispy

Re: , on: 2011/8/11 12:07

Krautfrau, thanks for your comments, but I tell you as humbly as I can that you are wrong about some things. I know what has happened in my own life. You're right that after serious sin the Lord is not close. There was a 2-week "cycle of sin" in my life. The Holy Spirit would move away. I would be broken and feel horrible and ask the Lord to forgive me even one more time. I would become demonized and sick for 4 or 5 days. I would be like a vegetable. Then around day 7 or so, the Holy Spirit would come back with His closeness and comfort. Around day 10 or 12 I was restored back to my normal self. It was in these days of "being normal" that the Lord would speak to me. He does indeed know who is going to win football games before they are even played. I want to talk to KK about this.

I am all too familiar with the works of the enemy. I've had a demonic spirit in my soul for the last 34 years of my life that just plays random music in my mind all my waking hours. It is a nuisance spirit and I think the ruler demon is a demon of mockery. It came in when I was 20 years old after a period of extreme rebellion and anger towards the Lord. I know the voice of the enemy and I know the tender voice and comfort and revelation of the Holy Spirit. Believe me I know the difference.

KK, the Lord does indeed know who is going to win the football game before it is even played, and he did reveal that to me several times. I was very tempted to use it on betting, but I was very afraid to. There was a Vietnam guy that worked across the bench from me in Seattle that had a bookie business. He was betting in the thousands. He was often amazed the next day that I had picked the winners correctly. He said that I should give him more information about games that I knew the outcome for sure.

I used to post a lot on the Univ of Cincinnati college football board a couple of years ago. I grew up in Cincinnati. Well after their very good undefeated season there was talk that head coach Brian Kelly would go to Notre Dame. One night around 0200, I was out talking a walk and I sat down at a park bench and asked the Lord if this head coach was really moving on. The Lord spoke to me very clearly that he had already accepted the job at Notre Dame. I posted this on the bulletin board in the midst of all the uproar that I now knew for sure that Coach Kelly was going to Notre Dame. They all wanted to know how I knew this. I did not have the courage to tell them the Holy Spirit revealed it to me. What I really wanted to do after that was reveal what the final score would be at the bowl game when they played Florida. I was going to post on the board that the Lord had revealed to me what the final score would be and that it would be a witness for every one on the board to know the power of God and that He does indeed have close relationships with His children. I didn't stay sober (out of sin) long enough to get that far. You may think I'm a whack job, but I don't care. BTW, I never got around to asking the Lord what the final score would be, so I don't know if the Lord would have revealed this information to me or not. I only wanted to do it as a witness to the men that posted on that bulletin board.

No, I was afraid to ask the Lord this information for the purpose of betting on games. I feared that His Spirit would back away from me if I did this. Tell you what. Why don't you yourself ask the Lord if what I'm telling you is the truth or not? OK?

AbideinHim, thanks for your encouraging words brother. Yes the enemy always hits the young Christian with the "you've committed the unpardonable sin" thing. He is consistent. I certainly went through this between the ages of 20 and 22 or 23. It was a tormenting time in my life. I actually thought the Lord had abandoned me and condemned me to hell. I did not understand the love of God at the time. As a man who has suffered from demonic oppression/possession all my Christian life, I know the voice of the enemy and I know the voice of the Lord. My problems started with extreme rebellion as a teenager (against my dad's excessive authority) that really is the sin of witchcraft as the Bible describes rebellion. This is what caused me earnestly to seek the Lord with all my might. This is what caused me to have such a close relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. My life has been like a spiritual battleground somewhat similar to what King Saul experienced.

I do so much hope you're right that the Lord's Spirit will return to me in the close intimate way He was present before. I have done very well in the sexual area recently. About 2 weeks ago, I just cried to the Lord with all my heart and soul and strength that I wanted a solution to the girl problem no matter what the cost. The Lord has changed my desires and honored my cries. But of course temptation is still there, and I must resist it. Thanks for listening and for your encouragement. The Lord bless you all. Craig

Re: , on: 2011/8/11 12:20

Craig the Lord indeed does know what the scores will be and the devil knows too. I have heard it said that he cannot know the future but I saw a fortune teller once and she told me things that happened, like she said I was pregnant and carrying a girl and there was no way she could have known, being only 2 months gone but also she said that I would marry again and told me details about the man which I did not think about until after the second marriage had taken place as I had forgotten about it.

You say that you know the voice of God but if you have demons you cannot be that much in control and the devil can imitate God's voice. I am from a family involved in the occult so I know about these things. There is only one freedom and that is freedom from any ground of the enemy and that means all sin.

God would not expose His children to such things as fortune telling games. I know you think I am wrong but listen to others here Craig for your own safety.

Also the way you are talking about your sexual sins - it is not right to go into detail about them as we are to only think of good things and not this sordid speaking.

Re: , on: 2011/8/11 12:38

krautfrau, that is interesting that the lady who was working through a demonic spirit could have knowledge about those things. Having this sin problem in my life did take away some of my confidence and boldness when the Lord would speak to me about things. I was reluctant to share what the Lord had revealed to me because I knew I could miss God too and would embarrass myself. I should have been more bold.

As far as the sexual stuff, please don't get religious on me. I wish I could talk about this subject only with men, but really most internet forums that are Christian ones have a majority of women posting on them. It would be helpful if we knew if posters were male or female on their personal info section.

krautfrau, I'm sure the Lord has forgiven you for going to the fortuneteller. There are thousands of other stories of Christians doing the same thing in a time of desperation. The Lord is willing to forgive. I was once tempted to do this as well during my early days of desperation when I was 20, but I was able to resist knowing that nothing could be gained from listening to a demonic spirit speak.

Well, I'm going to say I know for sure you think it was a demonic spirit speaking through the witch at Endor and not King Saul. See, I disagree with you on that. We will just have to disagree about some things.

Re: , on: 2011/8/11 12:45

Alright, here's the thread where I said that Brian Kelly would be the next head coach of Notre Dame. This is something that the Lord revealed to me. About 5 days later he did announce he was leaving for Notre Dame. I had posted on the board a few days earlier the 3 reasons I thought Brian Kelly would not go to Notre Dame. In my own mind, it was all logical and well thought out to me. But when the Lord speaks, that is the end of the matter and it certainly trumps our own rational thinking. Notice that the poster cmm27, wants to know how I know this information? I did not have the courage to tell him the Holy Spirit revealed it to me. This is because people who post on internet sports boards tend to be rather anti-Christian, and I did not want to run the risk of embarrassing myself in front of these men. Also, because of the sin issue in my life, I always had a nagging doubt that it was for certain the Lord even when I knew in my heart and in my spirit it really was the Lord.

I'm posting using the name "Endzone", and I posted this at 0216 CST when I got back from my walk early that morning. This is right after I went to the park bench to pray and seek the Lord as was part of my routine when I went out and walked--mostly as part of my diet to try and lose weight and to get some exercise. It was December and it was cool but not cold.

<http://forums.bearcatnews.com/showthread.php?t=6749&page=31>

Re: - posted by MaryJane, on: 2011/8/11 13:08

Krautfrau wrote: Also the way you are talking about your sexual sins - it is not right to go into detail about them as we are to only think of good things and not this sordid speaking.

Craig this sister is absolutely correct in what she has shared with you. She is not being religious she is sharing truth with you. I will be praying for you, be very careful because the enemy looks for every chance to deceive.

God bless
mj

Re: , on: 2011/8/11 14:27

Craig... MJ is right on the money. This is a public forum. You have no idea who is reading that (I know of pre-teens who come here), and it's inappropriate to talk like that on here. To tell someone who asks politely for you to refrain from such talk to "stop being religious" is foolishness on your part.

It actually reveals a lot about your heart.

Maybe God should stop being religious when He said to us thru His apostle in Ephesians 5: "But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God."

This is not the place to discuss this sort of thing, or to brag about one's past sins, especially sins of this nature.

I know this is a strong rebuke, I am amazed that you just told a sister in Christ who is concerned about purity to "stop being religious"... as if obedience to God is something we should loathe.

You, sir, owe her an apology.

Krispy

Re: , on: 2011/8/11 16:15

Thanks KK. You know the funny thing is, I talked about this a lot several months ago. No one gave me any grief about it then. But, I did edit my post just to keep everybody happy.

Now we know a little bit more about Endzone, but I don't know much about you all. I guess this is just like church where everybody has to act holy and put up a good front like they do on Sunday morning. And most of you do a pretty good job of that on here. But if that is the nature of this board, I will comply. I don't make the rules. Thanks.

So, there is a real life story of how the Holy Spirit worked in my life. It isn't based on some interpretation of the Bible or some normal thing that is supposed to happen to you that I read in a book someplace. Of course you may not believe it. This is why I had a natural tendency to believe that maybe it was a sin problem that the OP had going on in his life. But, it could be some type of iniquity or "those who oppose themselves that God may give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth". But others have suggested that it may have nothing to do with sin at all--that this is just somehow normal in a Christian's life and that I am being like Job trying to attribute what is wrong to some type of sin.

And the OP seems to have coped out of the discussion altogether. That just makes for more speculation just like his first post was long but somewhat nebulous IMHO. Maybe the OP is like everybody else on this board--you have to present your Sunday whitewashed best and leave everybody guessing as to what is going on underneath.

Re: , on: 2011/8/11 16:44

Listen, brother... there is a time and place for everything. This is not the place. I think that's all we're trying to say. If we were sitting face to face and discussing this... or even thru private email, that would be different. But when there are women and sometimes children present, it's not appropriate.

It's not about acting holy, but it is about holiness. Scripture does talk about coarse language and not letting anything unclean come from our lips. If someone is a little more strict in their life about that than you then you just need to accept the fact that they are only trying to be obedient. It's not a condemnation toward you.

Altho... let me say this, there are some Christians I know who when I get around them... just their level of maturity in the Lord convicts me. I find myself having to look inside when I feel like someone is "holier than thou"... is it really that they have a holier than thou attitude, or is it conviction from the Holy Spirit that I am not holy enough?

Dont get offended, endzone, just understand that not everything is appropriate for discussion on a forum like this. This is a haven for people... a haven from all the garbage and trash on the internet. If you have something you need to discuss feel free to contact me. But here... we need to maintain a level of security for folks that visit this site.

Love ya, bro.

Krispy