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"I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me." Galatians 2:20

These words mean the breaking of my independence with my own hand and surrendering to the supremacy of the Lord Jesus. No one can do this for me, I must do it myself. God may bring me up to the point three hundred and sixty-five times a year, but He cannot put me through it. It means breaking the husk of my individual independence of God, and the emancipating of my personality into oneness with Himself, not for my own ideas, but for absolute loyalty to Jesus. There is no possibility of dispute when once I am there. Very few of us know anything about loyalty to Christ - "For My sake." It is that which makes the iron saint.

Has that break come? All the rest is pious fraud. The one point to decide is - Will I give up, will I surrender to Jesus Christ, and make no conditions whatever as to how the break comes? I must be broken from my self-realization, and immediately that point is reached, the reality of the supernatural identification takes place at once, and the witness of the Spirit of God is unmistakable - "I have been crucified with Christ."

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One student a year who hears God's call would be sufficient for God to have called this College into existence. This College as an organization is not worth anything, it is not academic; it is for nothing else but for God to help Himself to live. Is He going to help Himself to us, or are we taken up with our conception of what we are going to be?

Re: A BOND-SLAVE OF JESUS -chambers - posted by roadsign (), on: 2005/10/31 8:38

Quote:
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The temptation in the Garden was an invitation to Eve to be master of her own life. Aren't we all constantly faced with that temptation? We need to have roadsigns like this article that points us back to the essence of our faith. It seems like we'd rather look at others and their issues.

Peter once said, "Lord, what about HIM"
Jesus responded, "...what is that to you?" In other words, that is not your business.

Thanks for posting this - it helps keep the focus right, in the midst of a forum of people who are all sinners - and who tend to get off track - and dabble in things that don't matter, or are none of their business.
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May God help us all focus on what is really our business.
Thanks
Diane