

Pastor's Ponderings

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Let the Music Begin

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A time to kill and a time to heal.

A time to tear down and a time to rebuild.

⁴A time to cry and a time to laugh.

A time to grieve and a time to dance.

⁵A time to scatter stones and a time to gather stones.

A time to embrace and a time to turn away.

Ecclesiastes 3: 3-5 (NLT)

The following meditation was sent to me via e-mail by a good friend and brother-in-Christ ("Dick" Behringer). I thought it was so profound that I decided to include it in this month's Pastor's Ponderings. Thank you, Dick for sharing this meditation. I needed this reminder at this season in my life. I suspect many others do also and that is why I am following your example and sharing it with others. I do not know who the original author is and I'm sure Mr. "B" doesn't either. I do think it is Holy Spirit inspired writing. I'm confident you will understand what I mean as you read it. Here it is:

Dancing with God

When I meditated on the word ***Guidance***, I kept seeing "***dance***" at the end of the word. While reading, I began thinking that God's will is a lot like dancing. When two people try to lead, nothing feels right. The movement doesn't flow with the music, and everything is quite uncomfortable and jerky. When one person realizes that, and lets the other lead, both bodies begin to flow with the music. One gives gentle cues, perhaps with a nudge to the back or by pressing lightly in one direction or another. It's as if two become one body, moving beautifully. The dance takes surrender, willingness, and attentiveness from one person and gentle guidance and skill from the other.

My eyes were drawn back to the word ***Guidance***. When I saw "***G***" I thought of God, followed by "***u***" and "***i***". "***God***", "***u***" and "***i***" "***dance***." God, You and I dance. As I thought more about this, I became willing to trust that I would get the guidance I need about my life. I realized that I had to willingly let God lead.

My prayer for you today and everyday is that God's blessings and mercies be upon you. May you abide in God, as God abides in you! Dance with God, trusting that He will lead and guide you through each season of your life.

Truly, prayer is one of the best gifts we can receive. There is no cost but a lot of rewards; so let's continue to pray for one another. And I Hope You Dance.

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What a wonderful way to think of God's will for our lives. I know I am so guilty of trying to wrestle the "lead" from God. God wants to lead. As the meditation says however, I have to be willing to surrender the "lead" and pay attention to where God is guiding me.

Is God speaking to you about surrender and attending to His will? Maybe, you need to give your life to Christ. 2 Peter 3:9 says, "***The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance***" (NASB). God's wish (will) is for you to find salvation in Jesus Christ. Open the door of your heart and let Jesus in (Rev 3:20).

Or maybe like me, you need to allow God to again, "take the lead and trust" that He knows what's best. God not only wants to lead me through life's twists and turns, I have to realize God needs to lead, not me!

Whatever, your situation may be, it is time to "***turn toward, embrace, and Dance with God***." Let the music begin.