

UNDERSTANDING GOD'S POINT OF VIEW

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THE LORD'S FLOCK GROW DIGEST

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When we are distressed, worried, upset, or afraid, our tendency is to wallow in these emotions. When our plans do not materialize, we even blame God because we rely on our understanding of the situation. However, our point of view is always limited depending on where we stand. On the contrary, we should acknowledge that God may be doing something we do not know about. Hence, let us learn to trust God's wisdom and point of view; this is important to our faith experience.

1. How To Understand God's Point of View

1.1. Contemplation: listening in prayer is listening in faith. When we have the discipline of listening in prayer and understanding the movement of God, we give room for divine revelation by opening our soul to Him. In our posture of stillness, the Holy Spirit speaks words of conviction or words of love. He will honor our desire to hear Him and understand His heavenly perspective.

1.2 Witnessing: opening ourselves to encounter the Lord through experiences. We personally encounter God through various life's experiences (our failures and disappointments; our relationships and encounters with people; and our gifts and graces of God). Jesus manifests in our life lessons. When we have a direct, life-changing experience of the Divine, and we open ourselves to the moment, we begin to understand what the Lord is saying.

2. It is challenging to understand God. Jesus reminds us of our purposeful journey:

2.1. God forms us through the Cross. As we face our "crosses" - the challenges and struggles, the unknown path, the humility and grace, let us patiently submit to God's forming process. The goal of these crosses is for us to be gradually transformed to an image of Christ to others.

2.2. The "Cross Experience" of the Apostles. The apostles stayed with Jesus for three years. Yet, it took time for them to understand the meaning of Jesus' suffering and death. They failed Jesus during His crucifixion. The resurrection of Jesus Christ was the breaking point of the apostles. Only then were their eyes, minds and hearts finally opened to God's point of view. Moreover, it was during the Pentecost when they all offered their lives for the sake of the Gospel, and the age of the apostles began.

Conclusion:

Shifting our focus from our human perception to God's divine perspective is seeing beyond our narrow view point and embracing God's sovereignty. Even in the darkest times, God is at work and He can bring good out of the most difficult circumstances. Understanding God's viewpoint may be a challenging lifelong journey, but let us humbly accept the process of the Cross. Then, we can live more fully, love more deeply and serve more faithfully. A faithful disciple is one who has learned to embrace God's point of view and will have the capacity to say wholeheartedly "Lord, Your will be done."

Reflection:

1. Where are you now in your relationship with the Lord?
2. What are your present challenges in understanding God's point of view in your life?

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, give us the grace to trust Your forming process of the Cross, so that we can ably see things through Your lens and set our minds on Your divine perspective. In Jesus' Name. AMEN!

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