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Flowers Are In Bloom, What About Your Ego

With the changing of the clocks, most of the US has “sprung forward” and feels optimistic that spring will be in full force in the coming days and weeks.

It also marks the new life we experience each spring with Easter and the joy of the resurrection.

Optimism abounds from many directions, and we can enjoy the ride towards Summer.

The source of optimism can be hidden in a book, a story, or a homily we hear, or even a movie.

How do we respond when something we see or hear cuts deep into our souls?

It is very easy to point a finger and say, “Boy, that speech could really help someone.” Is that someone you?

Daniel 4:37 says, “Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and exalt and glorify the King of heaven, because everything he does is right and all his ways are just. And those who walk in pride he is able to humble.”

What if the message we heard was God trying to get our attention?

Our first reaction when we have an “AHA moment” could very likely be, “Are they speaking to me?” or “Is this person spying on me because that is exactly what I am feeling?”

Reality is often the coldest blow we may experience.

The harsh truth.

Over the centuries, the wisest scholars have told stories and interpreted them for the masses. Many citizens around the world could not read or write, but they could listen to the stories.

Through the spoken word, men gave their lives for what they had believed.

They did not sign a contract or have their attorney “work out the details.”

In many ways, we are similar to the masses.

Obviously, if you are reading this, you have the ability to read, write (maybe with the help of AI), and interpret how it impacts us individually.

Is that any different than hearing a verse in scripture and thinking, “I am __years old, and I never realized what it truly meant.”

The citizens during the time of Christ also heard what God wanted them to hear and how it would impact them.

Isaiah 45:8, “For this is what the LORD says— he who created the heavens, he is God; he who fashioned and made the earth, he founded it; he did not create it to be empty, but formed it to be inhabited— he says: “I am the LORD, and there is no other.”

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God forms us to best serve and glorify Him. As Greg Laurie said in the first line of his book, "A Purpose Driven Life," It's not about you.

Most people spending eternity in Hell all had the same theme song, "I did it my way."

How did that work out?

Romans 16:18 hits hard with the truth. "For such people are not serving our Lord Christ, but their own appetites. By smooth talk and flattery, they deceive the minds of naive people."

Have you been deceived? Was it a lack of understanding or a lack of discipline?

Only you can answer that correctly, and God is the ultimate lawyer and judge who only asks a question for which he already knows the answer.

But before you get depressed, he has already provided the pathway for us and given it freely.

John 14:6, Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

Enough said!

As any loving parent or caring person knows, you have to allow those you love to stumble, fall, and lift themselves up. It is difficult, but necessary.

Let go of your ego and watch the depression leave you.

You will become a new person, a new child of God born again through his passion and resurrection.

Don't rush to the front of the line; there are many rooms in His Father's House, and they are probably decorated with beautiful flowers in bloom.

Just get in line.

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