



Lesson 22 Complacency to the Lord Will Not Bring Intimacy

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Jesus reigns supreme over God's creations. Jesus is Lord. Nothing is impossible for him. Bring it all to him. Converse, talk with your Lord. Intimacy is yours for the taking but complacency to the Lord will not bring intimacy no more than it would for your earthly loves. Listen to my voice I AM talking with you. You know what is right and good. Always seek the truth. Remember Jesus saying "I am the truth, the life and the way. Live in his ways. The way of truth and life. What more than love and honesty could you really ask for. It's on the website – The Lord is not a critical God but a God of absolute truth <http://www.takehisheart.com/somethingilearnedinheaven.htm>. Remember the words from last week about the (cold) drafty air. Seek intimacy it avails much. The world needs Jesus now more than ever. (The Lord put the story of Jesus with the adultress woman in my mind. Lesson – handle life with grace). Complacency – self satisfaction accompanied by unawareness of actual dangers or deficiencies. Intimacy – the state of being intimate (intimate – belonging to the essential nature of; essential; belonging to or characterizing one's deepest nature; marked by very close association, contact or familiarity; marked by a warm friendship developing through long association.

Jesus reigns supreme - Bring it all to him - complacency to the Lord will not bring intimacy

What is the difference between intimacy versus complacency?

Complacency seems to be more about self while intimacy seems to be more about a relationship.

The Lord encourages us to talk with him because intimacy is ours for the taking. But how can we accomplish this?

*We should be seeking The Lord's guidance in our daily decision making process (asking him questions, allowing him to lead us).

*We should then be silent listening for His answer to the question having faith he will answer.

*We should remember He is a God of details. He wants to be involved in the details of our lives.

You can't be complacent thinking everything is okay, thinking you know that your relationship with the Lord is okay; when in reality it is not, because you are not asking him into your daily life. Are you seeking his guidance before making decisions? Are you taking time to listen for the answers. **Listen to my voice I AM talking with you.**

The Lord put the story of Jesus with the adultress woman in my mind.

John 8:1-12

But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. Now early in the morning He came again into the temple, and all the people came to Him; and He sat down and taught them. Then the scribes and the Pharisees brought to Him a woman caught in adultery. And when they had set her in the midst, they said to Him,

“Teacher, this woman was caught in adultery, in the very act. Now Moses, in the law, commanded us that such should be stoned, But what do You say?” This they said, testing Him, that they might have something of which to accuse Him. But Jesus stooped down and wrote on the ground with His finger, as though He did not hear. So when they continued asking Him, He raised Himself up and said to them, **“He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first.”** And again He stooped down and wrote on the ground. Then those who heard it, being convicted by their conscience, went out one by one, beginning with the oldest even to the last. And Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst. When Jesus had raised Himself up and saw no one but the woman, He said to her, **“Woman, where are those accusers of yours? Has no one condemned you?”** She said, “No one Lord.” And Jesus said to her, **“Neither do I condemn you: go and sin no more.”** Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, **“I am the light of the world, He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.”**

Why do you think The Lord had us look at this story? What do we learn from it?

- **He is not a critical God but a God of absolute truth.** (He acknowledged that she sinned **go and sin no more.**)
- **Jesus is Lord, He alone will judge God’s creation not man** **Neither do I condemn you.**
- **Jesus is Lord, He alone can wash away your sin** **Jesus reigns supreme over God’s creations.**
- **It appears this woman was complacent in her behavior unaware or indifferent to the actual dangers of her sin.**
- He states **“I am the light of the world, He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness,”** (The Holy Spirit reminded us in the words above that He is the truth, the life and the way)

The Lord teaches us through this story to follow him seeking guidance from the light of the world. He teaches us not to be complacent in our behavior and instead to seek after the light of the world and follow Him.

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