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Locating Our Position!



Here I am Lord, Where do we go
from here?

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Where's My Here?

A unique journey lies before each of us. My desire is for us to know where we currently are so that we can move forward with precision.

Understand we have a position both Physically and Spiritually that we need to concern ourselves with.

We may understand our physical location here on the earth and in this time.

We may not think much about our spiritual location. Which deals with our state of mind, and our relationship with our Heavenly Father.

There is not time or space for me to delve into everything that is running through my mind concerning those two positions.

My goal in this months Deeper Dive is to lay out a few points to get you started. I also solicit your prayers in that I will flesh this topic out in its entirety and place it in our Treasure Academy.

LONGITUDE & LATITUDE

On the earth if we have someone's LONGITUDE, along with their LATITUDE you can pinpoint their exact location.

(The def. of Longitude - the angular distance of a place east or west on the surface of the earth);

(The def. of Latitude - the angular distance of a place north or south of the earth's equator).

So, longitude will tell you where you are 'east' or 'west' and latitude will tell you where you are 'north' or 'south' literally or exactly.

First let's look at our longitude. Now as you are reading this you physically may be at home, or at work. Any number of places. I would like for us to look at where we are in this stage of our life.

Here are a few questions to start you to thinking?

1. Where am I with schooling? Have I learned all I want to know?
2. How well do I know the Word of God? Do I read or listen to the Word on a regular basis?
3. Have I become the person I want to be? Do I know who I want to be in society, as well as in the Kingdom of God? Am I a good neighbor, a good co-worker, a good boss, a good parent or child... a good Christian? Of course, this list could be endless.
4. How is my health? Am I doing all I can do to be and stay healthy? Am I getting proper rest, am I drinking enough water, am I walking?
5. Am I pleased / satisfied with how I look? How is my hair, my nails, my hygiene, my overall appearance?

SERENITY PRAYER

This seems like a good place to insert this small but meaningful prayer.

God grant me the serenity
To accept the things I cannot change;
Courage to change the things I can;
And wisdom to know the difference.
Living one day at a time;
Enjoying one moment at a time;
Accepting hardships as the
Pathway to peace;
Taking, as He di, this sinful world
As it is, not as I would have it;
Trusting that He will make all
Things right if I surrender to His will;
That I may be reasonably happy
In this life and
Supremely happy with Him
Forever in the next.
AMEN

Philippians 4:11-13

“Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, **to be content**: I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. **I can do all thing through Christ who strengthens me.**”

I am striving to be ‘Content’, but not satisfied!
Content means to be in a state of peaceful happiness.
A question to ponder: “Is what I do, who I am?”

- I want to enter His gates with Thanksgiving. Ps.100:4
- I don’t want to be Anxious about anything. Phil.4:6
- I want to give Him Thanks in all circumstances; for I know this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1 Thess. 5:18

Understanding that there are some things in my life that I have some control over. Father give us the **Courage** (as per the previous prayer) to **Change** the things we can.

I don’t want to become ‘satisfied’ with living beneath where my Heavenly Father desires me to be. And I am not talking about finances... although that could be a point as well.

I am thinking more about our state of mind. Our well being.
We are to be who God says we are.

Don’t become distracted or influenced by the world!

So, I went all the way around the block just to get to this point.

MY 'HERE'

Just like a GPS on our phones or in cars, it needs to **know where you are** so that it can get you to the place **you need or want to be**.

Take an honest assessment of yourself. Sit down with the Lord and a way to record your findings. I like to do so in my journal. But thanks to technology we have multiple tools right at our fingertips to record our thoughts.

- What are your likes, your dislikes?
- What are you good at, your skills, giftings or talents?
- What are your strengths?
- What hinders or holds you back?
- What do loved ones, or acquaintances say you are good at?
- What do you aspire to do?
- How would you like to be used in the Kingdom of God?
- Who are your friends, who do you associate with?
- Do they build you up and encourage you to be better?
- Or do they pull you down, use you, even try to take advantage of you?

Once you know where you are physically... decide where you want to go! Then ask the Father where does He want you to go.

HERE I AM LORD, WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

I would briefly like to touch on our Latitude before we stop for this month. Our north and south if you will. That figuratively deals with our relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ.

MY RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS

I want us to always point towards, head towards, and strive to be close to our Lord Jesus Christ!

The earth produces a magnetic field. If you have ever held a magnetic compass in your hand the little arrow will point towards the 'N' (north). It is pointed towards the magnetic north pole. The magnetic north pole and the true north pole are different. There can be as much as several hundred miles that separate them. That is because the magnetic north pole drifts several miles each year.

OK that was a little dive back into Middle School.



Now geographically (because of longitude & latitude) the true North Pole never changes! Spiritually Jesus is our True North. He never changes. Jesus is our unchanging source of Truth and Life. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever! Hebrews 13:8

For illustration purposes let's say that the **world** is 'magnetic' north. The views, reasonings, values, beliefs, rules, and truths of today's society (the world) change from year to year. The world is tossed to and fro, and blown here and there by every wind of doctrine (or teaching) Ephesians 4:14

When we align our spiritual/moral compass to True North/Jesus, we will avoid shipwrecking our lives. Hebrews 12:2 tells us to look to Jesus, that He is the author and finisher of our faith... He wrote our story; He knows where we should be going.

And the best way to get there.

TRUE NORTH

Jesus our True North is the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. John 14:6

So, my Sisters as we locate our '**Here**' plotting our course as we move forward in 2024 – make sure you don't get mislead by the world. If you are lost and don't know Jesus as your Lord and Savior He is just a prayer away!

Romans 10:9,10 tells us that if we confess (admit) with our mouth (saying it out loud) the Lord Jesus and believe in our heart that God raised Him from the dead, we will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

So, sit down with Jesus and allow Him to assist you in navigating this journey called life.

Ultimately, no matter where our Here is when we follow the True North, He will lead us to where He is. Some say Heaven, others say a New Heaven here on earth. I say wherever Jesus is, is where I want to be!

Amen?

Now don't forget about your physical or natural journey...

Allow Jesus to help you set realistic goals for where you would like to be, what you would like to accomplish,

Allow Him to show you where you really are, then ask Him to help you get to where you need to be! He is faithful, and He is just. He will never leave you, nor forsake you.

GIVE US THE COURAGE LORD

- **TO ACCEPT YOU AS TRUE NORTH**
 - **TO MOVE FORWARD IN YOU**
- **TO BE HONEST WITH OURSELVES**
 - **TO BECOME UNSTUCK**
 - **TO BE WHO YOU SAY WE ARE**
 - **TO LOVE OURSELVES**
 - **TO FORGIVE OURSELVES**
 - **TO LIVE WITHOUT FEAR**

SEE YOU NEXT MONTH ☺

