

"IT AIN'T NOTHING BUT A WORD"

Numbers 23:19 - God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?



I was on the Bart train during my regular evening commute from work on yesterday and we pulled up at the Embarcadero Street Station. There had been a medical emergency at the Montgomery Street Station, causing much delay and disruption. Along with delays, there were platforms full of people trying to get across the water to their various destinations. At the Embarcadero Street Station, where we thought the train was at its maximum capacity, a tall, curly-haired gentleman with a stroller stuck his head in the open door and shouted, "Can everyone please move in!" No one moved including me, because we all felt there was no vacant room, not even for a church mouse. He repeated his urgent request with a bit more force. "Can everyone please move in!" He was determined to get on this particular train. So with bull-dog tenacity and a bit of physical force he pushed the stroller in and then squeezed himself in. Someone on the platform yelled out, "You can't be serious!" And he replied, "I certainly am!" and the door closed behind him.

Once he got on the train he spoke to his son and handed him his cell phone to play with to keep him occupied on the ride home. He could tell that his son was getting a bit irritated with the game and asked his Dad for some help. But because the father was not sitting down, and he was quite a tall man, he told his son to have his "tea time" snack now and he would help him later. So without a fuss or any hesitation, the little boy immediately took his tea-time treats and he was as content as a little kitten rolling around in a basket of yarn.

That immediately reminded me of how simply our Heavenly Father can speak and calm us down when we are irritated, disturbed, uneasy, angry and frustrated. All we have to do is listen to His voice and obey! When God said, "Let there be", there was light. When God said, "Let there be", there was Day and Night. When God said, "Let there be", Heaven appeared. When God said, "Let there be", the Earth and Seas evolved. When God said, "Let there be", grass and fruit-yielding trees sprouted up. When God said, "Let there be", the stars, moon and Sun lit the sky. When God said, "Let there be", there were fish of the sea, fowls of the air, cattle, beast and creeping things that came forth.

Things happen when God speaks. You remember when Jesus was at the grave and he called Lazarus and he came forth! How about when Jesus stood on the deck of the ship in the midst of the storm and said, "Peace be still" and the winds and the waves obeyed! How about the woman with the issue of blood? When she touched the hem of His garment, He told her, "Your faith has healed thee!" And she was immediately made whole. When he was on the cross, He told the thief, "This day thou shalt be with me in Paradise." And then He told His Father, "It is finished." And he hung his head in the locks of His shoulder and gave up the ghost.

I want to encourage you today speak to your problems and tell them just how big your God is. Hand all your cares, your troubles, your worries, and your woes over to the Lord and then learn how to wait on Him to answer your call. Sometimes His answer is Yes. Sometimes His answer is No. And sometimes His answer is Wait. But whatever His answer is, whatever His will is, whatever His purpose is, sit back, with your tea-time snack, kick your feet up and rest in the assurance that whatever you need, God has it and He is preparing it especially for you. God has given you the authority to speak those things that are not as though they are. Proverbs 18:21 reminds us that, "Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof." So whatever your situation may look like, whatever your future may sound like, whatever your condition may feel like; it ain't over until God says the word!

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