

"PAY ATTENTION TO THE GAP"

Psalm 119:133

My church was in forty days of consecration. I decided to journal through those days and part of my process was to ask God for a word for each day. On day three, I asked, "So, Lord, what's the word for today?" The answer came back in the form of a scripture, Psalm 119:133, "Order my steps in thy word: and let not any iniquity have dominion over me." (KJV) "Wait a minute, Lord, that's the word you gave me on Monday, remember, 'order'?"

As soon as I "reminded" God of the duplication, the gospel song, "Order My Steps" began to "play" in my head, over and over and over. I think, "I must have misunderstood. God wouldn't duplicate His word, would He?" (Yes, I know about His reiterations, but still...). I then remembered a conversation with a friend about a sermon at a classmate's funeral, something to the effect of "What do you do with the dash?" the time between birth and death. "Hmmm," I think as I try to figure out how to collect God's dots..

I stood in the BART station waiting for my train (and still, the word for the day) and one of those rolling screen announcements catches my attention, but the only part I catch is "Pay attention to the gap." I continue to watch the screen, waiting for this particular announcement to come up again so I can read it in its entirety. I think there has to be more until I finally realize God is really trying to get my attention. The message does not show up again, but I do finally get the message (Duh). We Christians must "Pay attention to the gap," that space between birth and death, that place called life where our request of God must always be, "Order my steps in your word....." If we do not pay attention, then iniquity just might have dominion over us. How 'bout that; God never duplicates, just reinforces.

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