

“BEYOND BUSYNESS & BUILDINGS”

“Have a good trip and don’t waste time worrying while you are away. Love you!” the instructions my little sister gave me as I departed her car. I laughed thinking, “That sounds like something I would say.” It is amazing how God uses people you have built up in the faith to strengthen your faith.

I scurried to print my boarding pass, rushed through security, grabbed a snack at the OVER PRICED general store and waited. It was so disappointing seeing so many people board before me. “Why am I last to board? All the good seats are taken.” Were my thoughts. Finally, my zone was called. God must have been in a good mood to put up with my complaints allowing me to grab a coveted window seat.

I turned on my mp3 player, plugged in my ear buds, ate my king size snickers and was about to close the window. Then the Holy Ghost said, “Why pray for a window seat if you are not going to take in the view? The Lord was about to teach a lesson.

I saw two things while looking out the window: busyness and buildings. Baggage handlers, fueling teams and traffic directors were everywhere moving around like ants. Then there were gigantic towers and satellites all around that made me feel like a “Grasshopper in my own eyes.”

This is how my life is. Always working in God’s power but not taking the time to walk in God’s presence.” The Flight Attendant admonished me to prepare for takeoff. The plane ascended and I looked out the window again. I noticed, the higher I went, the smaller those “Gigantic” buildings and satellites seemed to be.

I realized the key to all my worry would be solved if I controlled my busyness and conquered my buildings. Controlling my busyness would be a reasonable fix. All I needed to do was learn to say no. I could not go on being everyone’s savior. Only Jesus can do that. Maybe that is why I was stressed, trying to be the answer instead of leading people to the answer.

Psalm 121 is my strategy for keeping my focus above busyness and buildings. Ascension is my ultimate goal. The buildings became smaller and the beautiful clouds, sun and sky were greater than anything on the ground. So as I go higher in the plane above the earth, I could go higher in my praise into God’s presence above my emotions and enemies.”

I encourage you to do the same. Abandon your busyness and buildings by going higher in your praise. Praise is a vehicle that leads us higher into the presence of the Lord. Remember, “In the presence of the Lord is a fullness of joy.” **Psalm 16:11**

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