



Part 1: Letting God be God

“Be still, and know that I am God...” Ps. 46:10

Four indicators that I’m letting God be God...

1. I’m growing in _____ of my circumstances.

“Because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, for this reason, to keep me from exalting myself, there was given me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me—to keep me from exalting myself! Concerning this I implored the Lord three times that it might leave me. And He has said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness.’ Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ’s sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong.” 2 Cor. 12:7-10 (NASB)

- Acceptance is a _____.
- Acceptance is a key to _____.

2. I’m seeking God’s _____ in my circumstances.

“If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.” James 1:5

3. I’m open to God’s _____ in my circumstances.

“Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda... Here a great number of disabled people used to lie --the blind, the lame, the paralyzed. One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, ‘Do you want to get well?’ ‘Sir,’ the invalid replied, ‘I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me.’ Then Jesus said to him, ‘Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.’ At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked.” John 5:2-9a

4. I’m continuing to _____ in my circumstances.

“Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” 1Thes. 5:16-18

- _____:
“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” Phil. 4:6-7

Daily Meditations

Brief daily readings and questions to stimulate thinking on today’s topic.

This week’s memory verse: *“And He has said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness.’ Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ’s sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong.” 2 Cor. 12:9-10*

Monday

Think back over the sermon. When is it most difficult for you to let God be God? Which point is most difficult for you to apply to your life? Why?

Read 2 Cor. 12:7-10. What was Paul’s response to his “thorn”?

How did that impact his attitude toward God?

Write down an area (or more) of your life you are struggling to trust God with - it may be recent, it may be in the past - something you cannot seem to let go of. How can you learn from Paul’s acceptance of his circumstances and apply that to your circumstance?

Thank God today that He is not distant. Thank Him for His concern for you and knowledge of every detail of your life. Talk to Him about your struggles to trust Him. Ask Him to grow your faith step by step today.

Tuesday

Read Ps. 111:10, 119:169; Prov. 2:6; James 1:5 & 3:17. According to these verses, how do you seek wisdom?

What is God’s response when you ask for wisdom?

How does God's wisdom differ from man's wisdom?

How does a wise person act?

What impact would seeking God's wisdom have on the circumstances you're struggling with?

Thank God today for His wisdom. Ask for wisdom in the difficulties you are facing. Pray for a heart willing to follow God's way and wisdom.

Wednesday

Read Ps. 30:1-3 & John 5:2-9. Write down three things you know about physical healing that can apply to soul healing.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

How long had the man in John 5 been waiting for healing?

When have you felt impatient with God's timing for your healing? What do you learn from this man's story about waiting for God's timing and God's way?

What changes can you make in your heart or actions that would demonstrate your desire to allow God to heal your wounds in His way and time?

Thank God today that there is nothing He cannot heal. Thank Him for His concern for your wounds. Talk to Him about why you resist healing and do not like to wait. Ask Him to make you willing to accept His healing in His way and His time.

Thursday

Read Ps. 28:7, Rom. 5:3-4, Phil. 4:4-7 & 1 Thes. 5:15-16. What truths about giving thanks do you see in these passages?

How does giving thanks change your attitude?

It seems like a tall order to give thanks in any circumstance. Why do you think it is possible to thank God in any situation?

Think about the area(s) that you are struggling to trust God with. How can you give thanks in those circumstances?

Thank God today that He is trustworthy and good. Thank Him for the confidence you can have in Him. Ask Him to soften your heart and make you into a person characterized by thanksgiving.

Friday

Read Psalm 46:10. Practice this verse today. Meditate on each phrase and write down its meaning to you:

"Be still"

"and know"

"that I am God"

Thank God today that He is God. Thank Him for His sovereignty. Talk to Him about the areas you're struggling to let Him be God. Commit to take steps towards complete faith in His wisdom and His ways.

Saturday

Today finish up any devotions you may have missed and memorize the verse for the week. Thank God for His love for you. Pray that you will have a heart that is inclined toward God. Please pray for the services this weekend, too! Thanks!