

# GBC *Connection*

I thought I would share with you some of my personal experience with God over the past few weeks.

We have probably all experienced “ah-ha” moments when we have seen something in a different light. We can all agree that we have read a passage of scripture or heard a message on a certain topic and something “clicked”, and we have a broader understanding of it.

Lately God has been broadening my understanding of the word, “trust”. In the book of John we had learned that God wants us to trust in Jesus that he was His Son, and the message he brought was truth and would give eternal life. Our trust in God is giving our lives to Him, inviting him into our lives so that we might have a relationship and fellowship with Him. In order to have this relationship we must give Him every part of us ... EVERY PART. That is the part of trust that I have been challenged with of late, and rightly so as I should be giving over my daily concerns to God. However, this experience went deeper than just a daily concern. Being the parent of a young child I had been presented with two different situations in which I was faced with the idea of losing my child. I cannot explain the excruciating pain and agony that this idea caused my heart. I could not bear the thought of how I would go through life if this were to happen.

In my mind I had given my child over to God, for His service and to be brought up in His ways. Moreover, I don't think I had yet made the connection between my head and my heart. These situations caused me to fall to my knees and realize that God is truly in ultimate control. I can do my best as a parent to protect my child as best as possible, but I cannot change God's plan for his life. God is sovereign and He has ultimate control over all things. I struggled with this, giving God complete control, and yet at the same time I was comforted in knowing that it was completely out of my hands and in God's hands. Ps. 41:2 says, “The Lord will protect him and preserve his life ...”. Through this experience I have a greater faith that God will protect and provide, and that I have to allow Him to be in control of the situation.

## **Making the Connection**

Giving God every part of us can be challenging. We are never done giving of ourselves to God. It is a process ... the process in which God makes us more like himself. I had never really experienced such a struggle in my heart to give God control of a certain area in my life. What are you struggling with giving over to God? God is ultimately in control, and he wants you to trust Him and let go of the things that you are grasping on so tightly. God wants to purify us and bless us. Jeremiah 29:11 says, “For I know the plans I have for you, plans to give you a hope and a future.” Our hope and future is in eternity with our Saviour. Let us be focused on eternity and not on this earth.

In light of the upcoming series titled “The Gospel: News you can't live without”, let's get our trust issues dealt with and our hearts right with God so that we can be effective vessels that he can use to reach out to others.

## **Taking Action**

Take some time to contemplate if there are things in this life that you feel you couldn't live without (people, things, reputation, etc...). Be honest with yourself and make a list. The act of writing the list will help you to face the facts and not just brush them off. Now consider these things and which ones you are grasping onto too tightly and how you would react if God were to remove them from your life? Will you trust God with these things? Take some time in prayer and commit whatever the Lord has laid on your heart.

- Anon

**Suggested Reading:** Romans 1-5 **Memorization:** Romans 3:21-26.

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