

The Ark Community

133: **Destiny & Journey (part 2)**

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"What we do in life echoes in eternity."...!

(Russell Crowe - Gladiator)

As previously stated in our last 'Food for Thought', we actually have TWO destinies: a primary and a secondary calling. Both are equally important and each cannot exist properly without the other. They are co-existent, one cannot thrive without affecting the other - they are symbiotic.

We are called to **'BE'** and to **'DO'**... yet being must precede doing, otherwise our doing is nothing but dirty rags. Last time we spoke about 'Being' is the fundamental calling of God for our Lives, **WE ARE CALLED TO BE THE BEST US WE CAN BE...!** Being WHO we are, automatically produces fruit in our lives - 'natural fruit'. As we submit to WHO we are, our 'natural' gifts, which God placed in us at our embryonic creation in the womb, begin to naturally flow out from us and produce 'good works', these are the "Good works" that Ephesians 2:10 tell us we were **PREDESTINED** to WALK IN.

"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them." (NKJV)

b. Doing:

Let's look at the opening lines of the Lord's Prayer: (Matt 6:9-13)

***"Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.
Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."***

"YOUR WILL be done, **YOUR KINGDOM** come **ON EARTH** as it is in heaven"...! Simply put, if our will must be that of His will, and His will is His Kingdom be established on Earth, then our will (*destiny*), is to establish God's Kingdom on Earth and all around us, in our own lives, our Families, our places of Work, Study, Play, the Gym, the Shops, Government etc, anywhere we can...!

A Kingdom is anywhere the King has Dominion. We choose where Jesus rules. We decide whether the flesh or the Kingdom rules in any given situation. We choose to establish Heaven or Hell where we live. We choose when to fight and when to walk away...! His Kingdom come on Earth is His will - what's yours? Is His will, your will?

Many of us have been raised to believe that destiny is a destination, when in fact it's the journey. We touch more people on the way, than we do be when we arrive. Jesus' destination was the Cross (*it killed him*); His ministry was the journey en route to the Cross. Apostle Paul's destination was Rome (*where he was beheaded*); his ministry was on the Road to Rome. The journey is where we meet the people. The JOURNEY is the DESTINY. **Life is the destiny.**

I often remember what my Brother-in-Law, Corné Bekker taught me, ***"The way we treat the person we like the least, is the way we love God the most"***. (Matt 25:40)

And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.'

"Bless those who curse you" = (Bless) **eulogia** (Gr: εὐλογία), (Italian: **bene** | **dire**) means to **speak well** about someone. We get the English word 'Eulogy' from this, when we speak well about someone at their funeral. Hurt people hurt (*others*); so heal them with your words... 'eulogia' them. ***"What we do in life echoes in eternity."***

Therefore our Destiny is the Journey of BEING and DOING God's will of establishing His will on Earth, in our lives and suburbs, through the recognition of our godly passions and desires, and then the effective outworking of our gifts and talents to His glory, and our joy...!

Remember, our calling is not determined by our occupation; **our occupation simply determines who our congregation is** - our calling in life is common to all... to BE Jesus in all of society.

Live out loud

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