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Reports!!!

Witnessing

– Lisa Ainsworth

Street evangelism is a new form of witnessing for me. About a month ago, I was on a day-long outreach in London. For part of the day, I was paired up with Mike, a fellow YWAMer (Youth With a Mission). We were in Covent Garden doing street evangelism. At first, we walked around the market praying and asking the Lord to show us who He wanted us to talk with. The first individual we talked with was a guy eating his lunch on some steps which led up to a restaurant. I don't feel as though the Lord led us to him; we went to him because he wasn't in a rush. We started off by asking him a question. I think the question was, When you hear the name Jesus, what's the first thing which comes to mind? I quickly learned he had an extremely negative view of Christ. When he was younger, he'd gotten into a fight and was wounded, and he wonders why God didn't stop it. Where was God when he was crying out for help? He is bitter toward God and sees Him as being angry with the world, doing whatever He can to cause us pain. Mike and I talked with him about how we disagreed. We believe the Lord is a loving God. Bad things happen because we live in a world filled with evil. I don't remember everything we said. The outcome... I think the man still holds the same views, but we gave him something to think about though. And I learned through the experience. I learned that I'm not going to change the world. Only the Lord can do that. Also, you don't have to bring someone to Christ or even change their point of view in order to impact them. By asking the questions we did, we impacted that man. We planted a seed of hope. A lot of times in witnessing, all you can do is take them one step closer to the Lord. And I've recently learned that that's all the Lord's asking you to do—to be willing to do whatever tasks He puts before you.

A Season Alone with God – Mikah Litchfield

I believe this year's Season Alone with God helped me more than all the others I have done put together. Most of them that I have done have been plain, and nothing much has happened. Because of this, when Grandpa announced that the whole church would be doing one on a certain Sunday night, I wasn't very excited.

But when I did my Season that night, the Lord blessed me with a wonderful time! The area He helped me the most in was in prayer. I had not done any long Seasons and so when I glanced at the schedule, I was surprised to see 20 minutes in prayer. At first, I did not know what to pray

about for that long, but God helped me to write down a list to pray for. Amazingly, I didn't even get through my list, and the Lord blessed me richly – Praise the Lord for His wonderful help. I am so thankful that I was able to do my Season that night and that God helped so much!!

Book – Nathan Smith

The book that I read was by G.C Bevington. It was called Modern Miracles through Prayer and Faith. The book drove in the fact that God heals people when they earnestly call out to Him for deliverance or help. I also learned God takes care of His servants.

A story that I read in the book was about this: G.C. was in a big log praying for someone, and he realized that he was hungry, so he decided to feel around to see if there was anything to eat. In his search, he found acorns (this happened daily for a number of days). He decided to eat them, but thought that he had

“Wisdom is the principle thing; therefore get wisdom...” (Prov. 4:7)

I've been reading through Proverbs, and delighting in the passages on wisdom. These tools for guidance are just as vital as the leadership of the Spirit. Leadings can be few and far between, but this book is packed with the wisdom of God. We know that the wisdom of man is not the wisdom of God, so studying Proverbs will give you discernment for life, guidance that will make you glad—and blessed—in the years to come. This God-inspired writing has universal principles that will help anyone stay the course.

“My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you, listening closely to wisdom and directing your heart to understanding; furthermore, if you call out to insight and lift your voice to understanding, if you seek it like silver and search for it like hidden treasure, then you will understand the fear of the Lord and discover the knowledge of God.”

“For wisdom will enter your mind, and knowledge will delight your heart. Discretion will watch over you, and understanding will guard you, rescuing you from the way of evil”

“Listen, my sons, to a father's discipline, and pay attention so that you may gain understanding, for I am giving you good instruction. Don't abandon my teaching. When I was a son with my father, tender and precious to my mother, he taught me and said: ‘Your heart must hold on to my words. Keep my commands and live. Get wisdom, get understanding; don't forget or turn away from the words of my mouth. Don't abandon wisdom, and she will watch over you; love her, and she will guard you. Wisdom is supreme – so get wisdom.’”

“A good name is to be chosen over great wealth”

“Many a man proclaims his own loyalty, but who can find a trustworthy man?”

“When there are many words, sin is unavoidable, but the one who controls his lips is wise.”

“My son, if you have put up security for you neighbor, or entered into an agreement with a stranger, you have been trapped by the words of your lips...”

Wisdom calls out!

2nd Trimester Assignments – Next Due Date: February 5, 2005 (1st Trimester Assignments now due)

- Your second book report, witnessing report, and servanthood report
- Keep working on memorizing James 1
- Remember to have a Season Alone with God this month, if you haven't already had one. How about Dec. 27th? An hour and a half would be fine. See the website for a schedule if you can't find yours:

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been a thief. He went to a house to sleep, and the next day, he went to see if he had really been a thief and nothing was there. He said it was just like the story of Elijah, and he had a time of praise. This taught me that I should praise God for what He does in my life. It really inspired me that if someone has a desire for someone to get saved/sanctified, if they get everything right with man and God and you pray and fast long enough, God will grant the person's request. If it is His will, He will do it for you.

I recommend that if you haven't ever read this book, do so very soon!

The Guidance of God

I want to share how the Lord has led in our son Jordan's life lately. There are some things in the story that might be helpful as each of you are endeavoring to discern God's voice as well.



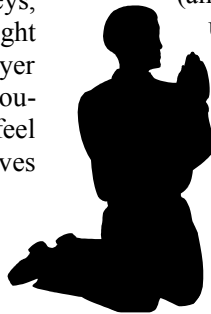
It was at least a year ago that the Lord impressed upon Jordan's and our hearts that some mentoring by some other pastors would be an invaluable experience for Jordan as he prepares for the ministry. He has had 18 years of excellent training in our church under his grandfather and others, and we felt that expanding that to some other pastors with different gifts, callings and personalities would be helpful. We talked about a few options, then just submitted it to prayer for the time being. As it came closer to the time of his graduation, a hopeful invitation came from Fayetteville, West Virginia, for Jordan to help at the school there. It sounded like a tremendous opportunity, but we had no leading—only desires—on this end, so we continued to pray. Jordan had also applied to a few colleges, and was accepted in the meantime. As Don and I prayed over the three Christian colleges, we felt the most peace about Jordan attending the one closest to home and commuting. We knew that there were some differences of beliefs connected with this place, but we felt with Jordan living at home and with prayer, it was the place to be. So we continued to proceed with arrangements. Jordan, at this point, had no direction other than a growing desire to go to Fayetteville, but was depending on what we were getting.

In August, we were all at Shadrach. Pastor Hubbard preached a message on "Lead, Follow or Get Out of the Way!" He exhorted the youth that they were called to be either leaders or followers, and that every leader needs armor bearers to help them lead. After the message, I asked Jordan what he had gotten out of the message. I wasn't sure what he would say because he has a very strong loyalty to his grandfather. Jordan answered that he was burdened for the Moreys (in Fayetteville) to have armor bearers. He couldn't say that he had a leading to go, but he had a strong burden and a desire to have their need met. After talking this over with the Moreys, Jordan and the Moreys were ready to take Jordan home right after camp! Don and I weren't sure, so we all went to prayer as Jordan returned home with us, and with college only a couple weeks in the future. Talking about the temptation to feel pressure to make a decision! We kept reminding ourselves that it's not good to make decisions under pressure.

Jordan and the Fayetteville group began to feel even more strongly that it was time for him to go to West Virginia at the beginning of that semester. I could feel the tug both ways, but Don kept getting a check about his going, and a witness that Jordan was to continue with plans to attend this college. When Don would share this with me, I felt a wonderful peace. As we discussed our differing feelings with Fayetteville, they graciously stated that until we *all* felt peace, then something wasn't quite right in the plans. Jordan had to die quite a bit, but he did it quietly and didn't object or complain, and graciously submitted to our direction. Thus, Jordan would stay in Indiana until there was a full agreement with his authorities. Sometimes, your parents/pastor may have a leading you don't have or vice versa. God can bring your authorities to a peace and unity about how God is leading if we wait and pray. Oftentimes, there is a piece of a puzzle missing, and we just need to wait until it's all together before we proceed. The school semester was interesting, and Jordan learned quite a bit. There were a number of valuable lectures and experiences that were very edifying. There were times in open discussions where Jordan stated what he thought were obvious biblical truths, and soon had students yelling at him in anger over his beliefs on homosexuality or holiness or whether public school teachers are required by God to be witnesses on the

job. This was an education for him in the state of today's church world. There were two classes that had secular, PG-13 movies that were required for the class. There were a lot of grade points involved. We haven't found PG-13 movies to be acceptable at all, so Jordan was opposed to watching them. He kindly spoke to his professors about his decision. This stirred things up, and the school established a "no substitution" policy from what I was told, because they didn't feel students would get a good education if they weren't exposed to these types of things. In fact, one professor told him that he wouldn't have much of a future in ministry if he avoided these kinds of things. Thankfully, one professor offered Jordan a substitution anyway, allowing him to write a paper instead of the movie. The other one stuck to the university policy – and the movie was a large portion of the grade. This threw us into a spin for awhile, because we knew that Jordan would be transferring his credits someday to another university (we didn't feel he would be graduating from this university), and we didn't want him to have a bad grade on his record. After prayer, we decided that we would put it in the hands of the Lord, Jordan would refuse to watch the movie, and he would work as hard as he could with extra credit and his studies. If he didn't get a good grade, then it was a better consequence than having filth in his memory from a movie. I want you to know it is worth it not to compromise! We would have been thankful even if Jordan would have received a lesser grade because we would have been at peace with God, but the Lord blessed him with an overall 4.0 grade average for the semester. Praise the Lord!

As the semester came to a close, we continued to pray about whether Jordan was to stay here or go to Fayetteville. Although there were some battles and situations at the college, we felt it still had enough merit for Jordan to consider continuing there. Yet, Don and I came to an increasing peace about Jordan going to West Virginia for the next semester. As we talked to his grandfather, Pastor Schultze, about the decision, he agreed that there would be many opportunities there that would be beneficial. At last, we were coming to unity! We were then clear to proceed. Now, Jordan is living in West Virginia. How God has provided the finance for each step of the way is another story altogether! It is a challenge for moms (and maybe more so home school moms since we're used to having our children around all the time) to send our children off to live elsewhere. As we have gone through this experience, the Lord has given me wonderful peace and assurance, and even gratefulness, that Jordan is doing what God wants for this time of his life.



Finding God's will can be sudden and quick, or it can be a journey. Either way, it is worth finding out—not just for your sake—but for the sake of the souls you are called to love and minister to. Use *all* the tools God has given at your disposal to give you guidance: the leadership of the Spirit, the wisdom of the Word of God, and the seasoned saints over you. Your story will be uniquely different, but the tools you will use will be the same. —Karin