

Make Up Your Mind, David

An African proverb states, “The one who walks awake, asks questions and doesn’t lose his way.” David’s questions in the Psalms indicated that he was constantly losing his way. He wanted God’s guidance regarding the way he should go. But his problems were created by his own willfulness to leave the path and go his own way. His questions show his tendency to stray and his frustration with God’s directions.

“O Lord—how long?” (6:3). Impatient to see God’s plan accomplished. What are you waiting for? How does a man that reverences God chide God for doing things in His Divine wisdom?

Two chapters later, he throws himself headlong into humility. “What is man that You are mindful of him?” (8:4). A question of awe that God even cares about sinful man. This from a man who just rebuked God for not following David’s time table.

In two more chapters, he gets impatient again. “Why do You hide in times of trouble?” (10:1). After praising God for caring for him, a lowly human being, he wants to know why God isn’t on the spot when David gets in trouble.

Five chapters later, David swings back to humility. “Lord, who may abide in Your tabernacle? Who may dwell in Your holy hill?” (15:1). Make up your mind, David! He reminds me of a child who runs ahead of her parents one minute, and then sits down and is tired and wants to be carried, and then wants down so she can run off in another direction. Spiritually, David and most of us are like children. We get caught up in the impulses and perceived needs of the moment, forget the larger journey, and stray off of the path.

David finally got it by ***Psalm 119:173-176***

He wanted to do the right thing, but he needed God’s guidance. And so it will be with us. We want to do the right thing, but the impulses of the moment or the fears in the crisis move us to stray from the path. Now God calls you back to Him with an invitation.

James 5:19-20; Psalm 2:12 - “...Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him.”