

September 2012 ~ "God Wants It All"

From a very young age, my heart has always been sensitive towards a deep desire to please God. When I got older I wondered if the saints ever got tired of seeing my feet at the altar and praying with me constantly. My young faith kept me wondering if I had sinned... again, and if so it was imperative to get that taken care of at the altar. Please don't get me wrong, throughout my life I've been far from "perfect", and it is only by God's amazing grace that I'm where I am today spiritually. And believe me; the condition of my heart is in need of daily inspection just like every believer!

During those early years of my Christian faith, I didn't claim to have a "call" on my life, but I've always sensed God intentionally directing me along a path. Even on those occasions when I would drift off the path, I would hear Him calling me back and pursuing my heart. Over the past several months, I've had many opportunities to reflect on God's call in my life. I began to question "the call." Is it something that I made up or because I desperately want to serve Him, I imagined the call to be real?

Then it came—there it was—the gentle reminder of the night He woke me up at 3am. On the corner of our couch, in my secret place, I heard Him clearly calling me away from mediocrity and to a place that required me to want more...more of Him! He also solidified my life verse: Matthew 10:39, "If you cling to your life, you will lose it; but if you give it up for Me, you will save it." (LB) Since that time, God has been calling me to a place of absolute surrender. In my head and my heart, I've wondered if He is really serious about requiring me to totally abandon my life, to love Him more than I love life itself. Then it came to me...Lord, You really want it all...every inch...all the time.

Our God is calling each of us to a lifetime commitment of saying, "Yes", to His call; step by step, day by day. We can't live this out without an unconditional and total surrender. In addition, we must possess an undying desire to seek to know Him intimately. He is calling us to a narrow road, and there are some things that will prove to be difficult for each of us. In order to do this, we have to abandon the idea of being consumed with our own interests and life comforts.

When it comes to denying self, taking up our cross daily, and following Him, our Father is asking each of us this question: "Do you love Me more than _____?" You fill in the blank. May you be able to say, "Yes Lord, I love You more than these!"

Let us pray for each other as we strive to live out "the call" on our lives.

He Wants It All ~ by Forever Jones

*There's a voice that cries out in the silence,
Searching for a heart that will love him,
Longing for a child that will give Him their all,
Give it all, He wants it all*

*And there's a God that walks over the earth,
He's searching for a heart that is desperate,
And longing for a child that will give Him their all,
Give it all, He wants it all*

*And He says, love Me, love Me with your whole heart
He wants it all today
Serve Me, serve Me with your life now
He wants it all today
Bow down, let go of your idols
He wants it all today (x3)
He wants it all*