



Watch Him. Know Him. Act Like Him.

“We keep looking to the Lord our God for his mercy, just as servants keep their eyes on their master, as a slave girl watches her mistress for the slightest signal.”

Psalm 123 (NLT)

If a fly on the wall listened in on your prayer time, what would he hear?

My fly would hear, “Lord, help me with X” or “Show me which way to go...” or “Please heal Y.” Nothing wrong... except for the glaring missing question, “Where are you at work right now Lord?”

My prayer time is mostly me asking God to advance my agenda. How’s

it gone? Honestly, responses have been hit or miss... more miss I'd have to say.

Reflect: **Who's agenda does my prayer time reveal?**

Can you envision her? The attentive servant girl, attuned to the slightest signal from her mistress? Imagine, after serving her mistress for years, she's become so sensitive as to anticipate her needs. Indeed, she knows her mistress so well she acts like her!

I read the following the same day. (The Lord doubles up when he really wants me to get a point... has this happened to you yet?)

"Joyful are those who listen to me [Wisdom], watching for me daily at my gates, waiting for me outside my home!" (Proverbs 8:34)

Now envision this servant up at the crack of dawn, watching for Wisdom at her gates. Having followed her advice for years, she's become so attuned that she eagerly anticipates the new insight she'll need for her day. Indeed, she knows her mistress (Wisdom) so well she acts like her!

Oh, how differently I'd pray if I was such an attuned servant!

Consider: **The Lord wants me to watch him attentively. Indeed, to know him so well I act like him!**

Though never explicitly stated or taught to me, I discovered that my self-centered nature had redefined Christianity to “God helping me build a better life.” I hijacked God for my purposes! (Have you?) Oh, mostly I’ve had a noble, Kingdom minded agenda. Feeling spiritually justified I’ve actively asked for help to advance it. A problem? Perhaps not... if I was actually working to build the right house. How could I be sure?

*“Unless the Lord builds a house, the work of the builders is wasted.”
(Psalm 127:1)*

I courageously asked, “Lord, whose house have I been building?”

Being all about my Mission, my “house” has been working to advance it. As I said, a noble Kingdom agenda. Yet the Lord revealed that he’s building a more important house – molding me into the image of Jesus. He knows my Mission is a fruitful byproduct of my transformed and obedient life.

“I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself. He does only what he sees the Father doing. Whatever the Father does, the Son also does.” Jesus Christ (John 5:19)

Jesus was on Mission. He fulfilled it by doing everything he saw the Father doing – he joined the Father in his work. He modeled perfect servanthood and his Mission advanced. Jesus is now your master, the one to watch. Watch him! Then join him by serving him humbly, but

courageously, in the fullness of who he intended you to be. As he transforms you, watch him fulfill his Mission in you and through you.

Imagine: My Mission advancing because I've joined the Lord's building project – Me!

Once born again, the Lord works to build you into a magnificent palace – a mirror image of Jesus. Not a matter of patching a few gaping holes, this is new construction. He lays stone upon stone (new beliefs), rendering your old worldly timbers (old beliefs) useless. Join him! Flip your prayers by asking, “What is no longer useful Lord... what old belief must I release?” and “What new stone are you laying Lord... what new belief must I adopt?”

The Lord works in mysterious ways. To form you into the image of Jesus he must make you a more watchful servant, one like Jesus. Yet in doing so, he doesn't neglect his grand Mission.

Rather than advancing it by himself (and he could), he works it outwardly through you by advancing your Mission. Then, cycling back, he challenges you to watch him ever more closely. Laying new stones, he readies you for your next cycle... on and on it goes. You become more like Jesus, your Mission advances, his grand Mission advances... win – win – win!

Want your Mission to advance?

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Go off the grid and ask these questions:

Coach's Questions

- Ask, "Lord, what belief are you stripping away from me right now?" Pray, "Lord, loosen my grip!"
- Ask, "Lord, what new belief are you building into me?" Pray, "Lord, help me adopt this into my life!"

Spirit Talk

Post this where you will see it regularly.

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"After washing their feet, he put on his robe again and sat down and asked, "Do you understand what I was doing? You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and you are right, because that's what I am. And since I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other's feet. I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you. I tell you the truth, slaves are not greater than their master."

Jesus Christ | John 13:12-16 (NLT)



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