



Thinking Brilliantly

Instead of simply trying to solve problems, I am learning to focus on the goal of deepening relationship through the inevitable adversities of life. This shift in perspective sets me up for revelation, peace, heavenly strategies and faster transit through whatever challenge I'm facing.

One of my teachers in this pursuit is Graham Cooke through his series "The Art of Thinking Brilliantly". A gem from that teaching which has impacted me is a question to ask myself when facing a difficulty or challenge: *"Lord, Who do You want to be for me right now that You couldn't be at any other time?"*

Every life challenge is an invitation for an "upgrade" in our relationship with God.

As an example, Graham proposed this idea to a woman with stage four cancer, burdened with the question "why me?". She decided to take his advice so she asked God that very question, "Lord, Who do you want to be for me right now, in this terrible situation, that you couldn't be for me at any other time?" She kept asking Him that question whenever she thought about the cancer and felt fearful or bitter. Later in the week, the Lord woke her up and spoke very clearly to her heart, "I am the Lord, your Healer." She was overwhelmed with His peace and received an "upgrade" in her relationship with her God as Healer, in a far deeper way than she had ever *known* Him any other time. By the way, Graham reported that she is now cancer free! (see more at: <http://grahamcooke.com>)

Can you hear Moses at the Red Sea with Pharaoh's army approaching saying to God, "Lord, Who do You want to be for me now that You couldn't be in any other situation?" God, may have said "I AM the Lord who delivers you!" That type of personal interaction provides enough faith to part seas!

Try it out! Listen with a receptive heart. Asking this question of the Lord may be a significant step toward deepening an area of faith. I'd love to hear about your experiences!

Neil

NEWS

Have you heard of God healing people? Of course! What about replacing metal in people's bodies, e.g., rods, plates, screws?! We got to witness nearly 50 people receiving this miracle recently at the annual "Spiritual Hunger Conference" hosted by the Healing Rooms in Spokane, Washington! WOW! How important it is to share testimonies of God's miraculous healings of body and soul. It creates heightened expectation of what God can and wants to do all the time!

Two of our favorite ministry buddies, Wendy and Van, went with us so besides great teaching and encouragement from the conference, we received multiplied blessing by their fellowship!

Mentoring is becoming an important focus of the Lord for us. More and more we have the privilege of coming alongside leaders – both lay leaders and clergy - through relational mentoring and life modeling. One of our mentors describes it this way, "Just pursue God yourself, drag a few others along with you and simply break off a piece of your life and give it to them!" It gives us joy to be encouragers, 'calling out the gold' in those whom God puts along our path.

House news: Landlords will take the house off the market the end of October until spring. We're still here until further notice! 😊

Quotable quote:

"Hurry keeps your heart earthbound."

Sarah Young in "Jesus Calling"

Family News

Wedding Bells!

Josh has found his 'pearl of great price'! Her name is Sarah! The two met through working with YWAM (Youth With a Mission) and both are currently on staff in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. "Things happened fast", as they say, and they'll be tying the knot in January! (Both dads advised Josh to keep the engagement short - he took them at their word!) Sarah's family lives in the Chicago area but the wedding will be in Harrisburg.



Captain Julie turns 'Pick-a-little Lady'!



Julie is doing a superb job as part of the cast of "Music Man", performing with *Lyric Light Opera*. It is a delightful musical and very professionally done. Highly recommended! Showing now thru Nov 13th Don't miss out! <http://www.lyriclightopera.org/> (Yes, she is still 'captaining' during the week!)

Bethel School of Supernatural Ministry

in Redding, Calif. is Betsy's home for the next 9 months. Classes started Sept 24 and we're already hearing things like: "When your only point of rejoicing is what God has done, instead of who He is, then when He doesn't do what you want, you will question who He is." Whoa! Life changing stuff!

Betsy with fellow students at the famous "In 'n Out"



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Josh was home briefly between assignments so we were able to get an updated Harmsworth family photo

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