

50--- Always Follow Your Blocking Back

In life we will face many obstacles. When we encounter an obstacle we sometimes choose the wrong way of dealing with life or decide to take a different route. If we believe that our path has been custom designed for each of us then we need to follow that design. God is the designer of our pathway through life. He is also our BLOCKING BACK. He knows the play and He will provide the opening we need to deal with whatever obstacle the devil has used to block our path. God has ultimate control over the evil one. When we call upon God to deal with the devil we are following God's plan. He will remove the obstacle or He will provide the alternate path. Many times I have tried to overcome obstacles myself. My pride told me I didn't need help. I could do this. Well you know what happens when we push God out of the pilot's seat and fly the plane our way--- we crash and burn!! My first marriage was a perfect example of me doing life my way. I put career ahead of relationship and paid the price. Not only did I pay the price, so did my wife, children, parents, friends and everyone else in our lives.

As you ponder why you should let God clear the path, consider all the times you chose to do it yourself? What was the outcome? Who paid the price for your decision to "go it alone"? Are you better prepared than the Creator of the universe to direct your life? Yes that's a crazy question but how many times do we ignore the Master's plan and go off course in our own direction. How many times do we need to have Him lead us back on the road He has laid out for us. Yes, each time He cleans us up and puts us back on His pathway! He did that to the Israelites in the Old Testament so often.

How many times will you have to be a "do-it-yourself" guy before you bring the Master Builder on site and follow His directions?

Verses:

Psalm 10:4 "In his pride the wicked does not seek him; in all his thoughts there is no room for God."

Proverbs 16:8 "Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall."

1 Corinthians 11:1 "Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ."

Matthew 7:24-27 "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."

Personal Reflection:

Where do you need to step back and let your Creator show you His pathway? Who can hold you accountable to step back?

Group Discussion:

How can we encourage each other to step back and see what pathway Jesus is opening for us?

Share your struggle with us so we can hold you accountable.