

He Heard You 10/20/08

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Praise the Lord and Good Evening,

"Did you hear me?" How often have you posed that question to those around you and/or the Lord? I know there are some who say you shouldn't question God...I don't believe that. You can't stump God with your questions since He knows your very thoughts before you even think them. It's true we should reverence the Lord, but I think He's not offended by us, His children, asking Him why, what, who, when, how, where....is He required to respond to our inquiries? No.

Job posed some questions to the Lord (talk about getting answers. Job 38:1 Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said, 2. Who is this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge? 3. Gird up now thy loins like a man; for I will demaend of thee, and answer thou me.) When God got done with Job, he was stumped and said he'll put his hand over his mouth)

Mary and Martha wanted to ask Jesus some questions but Martha laid blame instead (Jesus, if You had been here, Lazarus would be alive today). Or how about the scribes and pharisees questioning if Jesus would heal on the Sabbath day (Jesus didn't get upset, He just answered their question by healing a man with a withered hand).....so our little questions don't put God on the spot. The Lord, however, chooses to respond (or not) in any fashion He desires. He's God!

Sometimes it's during the difficult seasons when our questions fly. Why would you do this to me Lord, when will you come and see about me, how are you going to deliver me, etc. When life is good (you know the good when all the kids are acting right, all bills are paid, jobs feel secure...raise just came, promotion just came and you're enjoying the glow of just having crossed the Red Sea! Your joy is full (because circumstances match the Word you've read....you're rejoicing over the enemy being defeated...you know the joy after slaying Goliath!) all questions have been answered. But when all is well by faith.....and you've done all you know to do and it's still going wrong....that's when the questions pop up like popcorn and poses the next question of, "Lord, do you hear me?"

I was flipping through my Bible tonight and my eyes hit tonight's devotional verse and I smiled. I know the Lord hears us, but I hadn't paid attention to this verse until tonight. Psalm 66:19 But verily God hath heard me; he hath attended to the voice of my prayer. That's a wonderful reminder!! No matter how things look, God has heard our prayers! And if He's heard He's doing something about it! Now it may look like nothing is being done....but remember the devotion about God working behind the scenes...He has taken action. Who would have thought

that the 430 years of crying out in prayer by the Israelites in Egypt...from day one to 430 years later, God was working to deliver them....every day God was at work freeing the Israelites. Didn't look like He was doing anything, but how can we know what God is up to unless He lets us in on it.....again, we can ask, but He's not obligated to tell us...as His Children, He wants us to trust Him enough to believe He's working whether we see it or not and He knows there will be days we'll ask, "Are we there yet?" "How much longer?" "I want to go home." "How come?" "Do you hear me?"

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In the Master's Service,

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Matt 11:28-29 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.