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ONLY ONE VOICE

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Everybody gets uptight and apprehensive from time to time. On occasion, the dilemmas of life come with such great speed that our knees buckle. Our mind blows thoughts around at hurricane speed, and our voice quivers in despair. This torturous behavior has one main cause. We are listening to too many voices. We hear the voice of God's Word, but we also entertain the voice of our flesh. We bend our ear to a loving Father while the opinion of the world and even the devil speak to us. When the flesh, the world and the devil contradict the Word of God, we will know great despair. We can prevent this overwhelming dismay when we heed God's Word.

God teaches us, guides us, and anchors us with His Word. Yes, anchors us! A boat is secure in the harbor when it has a strong anchor. We are strong and stable when we hold fast to the promises of God. When we "let God be true,"¹ we are not daunted by contradictory voices. We are not moved by the world, the flesh, or the devil.

I am single-minded by nature. I cannot watch television and scroll my phone. I cannot study my Bible or read a book with music playing. For me, it

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is strictly one thing at a time. If I need to be impacted by anything, I have only one voice speaking to me.

In the Parable of the Sower, Jesus talked about planting a seed in four types of ground. The seed was the Word of God, yet when it was planted in thorny ground, it failed to produce fruit. Why? Too much competition! The precious seed of God's Word was joined to worry, greed, or pleasure, and it brought no fruit to maturity.

In music, the harmony of several voices is wonderful. My father was a church musician, and with great skill, he blended voices to make one harmonious sound. Yet, when we mix God's Word with other voices, the contradiction often causes our body to tremble, and our mind to plunge into confusion. Our emotions will nosedive, our words are compromised, and victory staggers like a drunken man.

The Passion Translation helps us to understand this concept when it says, "The eyes of your spirit allow revelation-light to enter into your being. If your heart is unclouded, the light floods in! But if your eyes are focused on money, the light cannot penetrate and darkness takes its place. How profound will be the darkness within you if the light of truth cannot enter!"² When we focus on God's Word, the light of His Word gives revelation and

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understanding. But if our eye is not focused on God, our heart is challenged by voices that oppose God's Word. We cannot succeed if our heart entertains a variety of ideas. Every thought must be centered on, "Thus saith the Lord." We must stand unwavering on the Word of God.

Is this easy? No! Several years ago, I had a sciatic nerve dilemma. My body spoke so loudly and consistently that I trembled in despair. The agony was mind-boggling. While the pain said, "Listen to me. Hear me. Heed me," the voice of God's Word said, "By Jesus' stripes, Becky, you are healed." The competition was excruciating.

No matter what the challenge, we must surrender to God's Word. If we are worried about our finances, we cannot welcome thoughts of lack

and loss. We must listen continually to God's Word which says, "My God shall supply all your need."³ If we are confused about an important decision, the Lord our Shepherd reassuringly declares, "I will lead you to paths of righteousness."⁴ It is His voice we heed.

We need only one voice. God is a soloist! No quartets are needed. No trios are acceptable. God does not need to be joined by worry, greed, or lust. Confusion and pain do not sing God's song. The Word of God is the solo voice of our heart, and when God sings solo, a sound mind, peace beyond understanding, and joy unspeakable vibrate through our being. Isn't that what we want?

Choose the voice of God. Lay your pain at the altar and listen as God sings. Sing, God, sing!

¹Rm 4:3 ²Mt 6:22-23 ³Php 4:19 ⁴Ps 23:3

But make Jesus, the Anointed One, your focus in life and ministry.

2 TIMOTHY 2:8 TPT

KEEP WALKING

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There are really only two options: to keep walking forward by faith or to give up. And giving up isn't actually an option because it means staying exactly how you are.

Which is a lie because nothing stays the same.

By not going forward, things will grow worse instead. So, forget staying in place. You can ONLY go forward. And yeah, I know how hard that is, all the doubts pounding in your brain.

But God is a constant. Consistent. Reliable. Faithful. Trustworthy. He's always desiring your benefit.

Fix your thoughts on that as you take the next step. **See the goal, not the obstacles,** not the amount of time it might take.

See the trip. Consider the adventure.

You and God, together, enjoying each other's company and you'll look up one day and realize you made it.

"I am sprinting toward the only goal that counts: to cross the line, to win the prize, and to hear God's call to resurrection life found exclusively in Jesus the Anointed." (Php 3:14 VOICE)

"I mean to chase on towards the finishing post, where the prize waiting for me is the upward call of God in King Jesus." (NTE)

"By no means do I count myself an expert in all of this, but I've got my eye on the goal, where God is beckoning us onward—to Jesus. I'm off and running, and I'm not turning back." (MSG)

"But I do concentrate on this: I leave the past behind and with hands outstretched to whatever lies ahead I go straight for the goal—my reward the honour of being called by God in Christ." (PHILLIPS)

"I keep running hard toward the finish line to get the prize that is mine because God has called me through Christ Jesus to life up there in heaven." (ERV)