

“The Brave Friendship of God”

Oswald Chambers and A Breakdown

Oh, the bravery of God in trusting us! Do you say, “But He has been unwise to choose me, because there is nothing good in me and I have no value”? That is exactly why He chose you. As long as you think that you are of value to Him He cannot choose you, because you have purposes of your own to serve. But if you, will allow Him to take you to the end of your own self-sufficiency, then He can choose you to go with Him... And that will mean the fulfillment of purposes which He does not discuss with you.

The Breakdown

God has a purpose for your life. He will equip you for whatever He has called you for. But, as long as you have your own plans and ideas you will get in the way of what He has planned for your life.

God tends to use you in situations that you are completely uncomfortable in or in places that you think you are totally unprepared for. If you can't do it then there is no question that God deserves the glory. If God uses you in something that you are already good at and totally comfortable with, chances are you will take the credit for it.

We tend to say that because a person has natural ability, he will make a good Christian. It is not a matter of our equipment, but a matter of our poverty; not of what we bring with us, but of what God puts into us; not a matter of natural virtues, of strength of character, of knowledge, or of experience - all of that is of no avail in this concern. The only thing of value is being taken into the compelling purpose of God and being made His friends (1 Corinthians 1:26-31).

The Breakdown

It doesn't matter what you are good at, what kind of skill you have, or what kind of person you are. The only thing that matters is having a relationship with Jesus!

God's friendship is with people who know their poverty. He can accomplish nothing with the person who thinks that he is of use to God. As Christians we are not here for our own purpose at all - we are here for the purpose of God, and the two are not the same.

The Breakdown

God has a relationship with people who understand that they need Him, you have nothing unless you have Jesus. Until you understand this you cannot really be used in your full potential, you will always get in the way.

This is not saying you cannot be used by God. This is saying your purpose and God's purposes are different and until you get rid of your own plans you cannot follow God's.

God will fulfill the desires of your heart but He will do it in His way and it will not be the way you plan, dream or imagine; it will be better.

We do not know what God's compelling purpose is, but whatever happens, we must maintain our relationship with Him. We must never allow anything to damage our relationship with God, but if something does damage it, we must take the time to make it right again.

The Breakdown

God is right all the time regardless of what we think. And sometimes we mess up. Either of these facts can get in the way of our relationship with God but we must take the time to get right with God. Be real with yourself and get it straight, get a grip on what you know you are suppose to be doing. Love Jesus and leave the rest behind!

The most important aspect of Christianity is not the work we do, but the relationship we maintain and the surrounding influence and qualities produced by that relationship. That is all God asks us to give our attention to, and it is the one thing that is continually under attack.

The Breakdown

God does not ask you to change the world or even yourself. What He ask of you is to love Him with everything you are and through that submit to Him; He does all the rest. He does the work and the changing you just focus of getting to know Him and loving Him and His laws.

A Christian is someone who trusts in the knowledge and the wisdom of God, not in his own abilities. If we have a purpose of our own, it destroys the simplicity and the calm, relaxed pace which should be characteristics of the children of God.