

Volume 6, Day 25: Mistaken or Misunderstood

I may not understand what Jesus Christ says. But it is wrong to say that therefore He was mistaken in what He said. It is never right to think that my obedience to a word of God will bring dishonor to Jesus. The only thing that will bring dishonor is not obeying Him. To put my concern for His honor ahead of what He is plainly telling me to do is never right. Although it may arise from a real desire to prevent Him from being put to open shame.

I know when the proposition comes from God because of its quiet persistence: When I insist on weighing the pros and cons, and doubt and debate come in, I am bringing in an element that is not of God, and I come to the conclusion that what I thought I heard Him propose was not what He really wanted. Any time we seek the confirmation of what God has spoken only to our ear by other trusted believers, we will become immobilized to the request of God.

Many of us are loyal to our notions of Jesus Christ, but how many of us are loyal to Him out of pure love for Him? Loyalty to Jesus means I have to step out where I do not see where I am going or what results to expect. Loyalty to my opinions means that I clear the ground first by my intelligence, and then follow up with my common-sense. Faith, on the other hand, is not intelligent understanding, faith is deliberate commitment to a Person where I do not need to know the way.

Are you debating whether to take a step in faith in Jesus or to wait until you can see how to do the thing yourself? Obey Him with glad reckless joy. When He says something and you begin to debate, it is because you have a conception of His honor which is not His honor but yours. Are you loyal to what He says, or are you trying to compromise with your own ideas which never came from Him? "Whatever He says to you, do it."

My Confirming Scriptures:

Aligning Experiences:

DEEPER Every Day -- John Henry Alan