



Courageous Conversation About Change (Part 4) (What Can't God Say to You?)

May 27, 2018

“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot **bear them now**. 13 However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will **guide you** into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.” (John 16:12-13)

I. Reviewing What We Have Said About Change

Three Things We Have Talked About:

1. We said **you can't just talk** all your life (You need to make courageous changes)
2. We said **change requires** three things in your life (**exposure**, **sacrifice** and **decision-making**)
3. We said **you must be honest** about your bad side (Why is it so hard to change?)

Six Big Points to Remember:

- Change is hard if you have not done enough **research** (John 3:1-2), Part 1
- Change is hard if you are not willing to **start over** (John 3:3), pt. 1
- Change is hard if you don't **believe** God's way is the best way (John 3:14-16), pt.1
- Change is hard if you are not **exposed**, willing to **sacrifice** and make courageous **decisions**, pt. 2
- Change is hard if you cannot **face the truth** about yourself (Roman 8:7-8), pt. 3
- Change is hard if you are not **mature** enough to tolerate the message you need to here, pt. 4

II. Three Reasons Jesus Could Not Speak to The Disciples

1. They could not **bear** what he had to say (“you cannot bear them now,” This was a **tolerance** issue)
2. They were not **seasonally** ready (“...when the Spirit has come,” This was a **timing** issue)”
3. They needed **training** (“He will guide you,” This was a **maturity** issue)

Question: How much more time do you need before you mature enough to tolerate the message you need to here?

Great Question: What was too hard for me to bear?

1. My life calling and **purpose**
2. My potentials and **skills**
3. My **load-bearing potentials** (cp. Luke 10:19)

Question: What is your load-bearing perspective? (How much can you and should you carry?)
Luke 10:19 Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and **nothing shall by any means hurt you**. (NKJV)

Matthew 9:29, “Then He touched their eyes, saying, “**According to your faith let it be to you.**” And their eyes were opened.”



Closing Thoughts:

**III. Three Potential Reasons Some
Struggle With Change**

1. Their **rebellion** against God (Romans 8:7, ...my mind is not subject)
2. Their **freewill** choices (Romans 5:12 ...one man chose to sin)
3. Their openness to things that **weigh them down** (Hebrews 12:1... lay aside weights and sins)

Next Time: A courageous look at your worldview and how it can change your life.

Read Ahead: James 1