

Staying Connected

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Have you noticed how quickly your devices are running out of power due to increased usage over the past several months of WFH – that’s the new acronym for *working from home* (for those who didn’t know)? If I am not careful, my earbuds will run out of power while I am on that important Zoom meeting with my boss. Or my computer will flash the “connect to power source” warning and if I’m not paying attention, my computer will shut off in the middle of an important work project rendering me to start all over.

This got me thinking about how the same is true in our spiritual lives. If we are not paying attention, our spiritual batteries could be signaling “connect to power source” while we blindly go about our days, oblivious to the warning signs.



I am thankful that I recently noticed that blinking warning sign in my own life. But that was after several different signs popped up. It started with a stirring in my spirit, which I've come to realize was the Holy Spirit nudging me. Then it was a conviction through a course I was completing on prayer. That followed with a devotional from a respected pastor which focused on [Matthew 6:6 \(NASB\)](#). *But you, when you pray, go into your inner room, close your door and pray to your Father who is in secret, **and your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you.*** (Emphasis Added)

Think about that verse! God, the Father, Creator of the Universe, invites us to commune with Him privately, where He sees us and promises to reward us! What an awesome promise!

This, folks, is a **private** meeting with Almighty God; not a small group meeting – as great as those can be! You and Father God. Alone. Nothing else should be more important to us! Of all the meetings on my agenda on any given day; this meeting should always take priority.

But was I giving God the priority that he deserves or was I allowing this direct access to minimize the value of this relationship? Was I turning this privilege into an obligation?

Are you?

Many of us can think of a public figure with whom we would relish the opportunity to have one private meeting and I imagine how thrilling it would be to have such an occasion. And yet, we have been given this awesome privilege of meeting with our Heavenly Father anytime we want, for as long as we want, through the finished work of Jesus Christ on the cross. Not through an intermediary, not through a High Priest, but direct access to God's Throne Room! That's huge, sisters!

God has communicated with us through His Word and on an ongoing basis, through the Holy Spirit which NEVER contradicts His Word. He has given us the privilege of prayer to communicate with Him and our study of His Word enables us to continually improve that communication. When prayer becomes a discipline, we begin to delight in this privilege and experience the peace that Jesus promised over our stressful lives.

I am becoming more intentional about staying connected and as I've been taken back to the basics of my spiritual disciplines; I was led back to one of my go-to worship songs from several years ago, "The Greatness of Our God".

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