

The Lessons I learned in 08

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OK... perhaps still learning!

Life is a PROCESS

When Job heard this, he got up and tore his robe and shaved his head to show how sad he was. Then he bowed down to the ground to worship God. He said: "I was naked when I was born, and I will be naked when I die. The Lord gave these things to me, and he has taken them away. Praise the name of the Lord." In all this Job did not sin or blame God.

Job 1.20-22 (NCV)

"The real problem is not why some pious, humble, believing people suffer, but why some do not."

C. S. Lewis

Life needs to have PURPOSE

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Jeremiah 29.11 (NIV)

You created every part of me; you put me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because you are to be feared; all you do is strange and wonderful. I know it with all my heart. When my bones were being formed, carefully put together in my mother's womb, when I was growing there in secret, you knew that I was there—you saw me before I was born. The days allotted to me had all been recorded in your book, before any of them ever began.

Psalm 139.13-16 (GNT)

Life is enjoyed with PASSION

Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Psalm 37.4 (RSV)

I am not complaining about having too little. I have learned to be satisfied with whatever I have.

Philippians 4.11 (CEV)

So, Where Does that Leave Me?

Take Personal INVENTORY

Question?

- * Do I really trust God no matter what the circumstances?

With all your heart you must trust the Lord and not your own judgment. Always let him lead you, and he will clear the road for you to follow.

Proverbs 3.5-6 (CEV)

Acknowledge the SOURCE

Question?

- * Am I willing to allow God to provide for me?

Whatever I have, wherever I am, I can make it through anything in the One who makes me who I am.

Philippians 4.13 (MESSAGE)

Honour God through your BLESSINGS

Question?

- * Who does my day-timer and cheque book honour?

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Matthew 6.21 (ESV)