

Faith Life Weekly 7/15/10

Reflection:

"Do what you love." "Retire when you - you, and not somebody else- are ready." "Have Fun." These are the words shared by one with whom I asked that question recently. "Any words of wisdom", I asked.

It's kind of like the ever-burning question that we want to ask the 100-year-old. The human being is always asking this question.

We want to find that elixir for long life, the fountain of youth, shall we say that keeps us feeling and looking young and healthy forever.

So this day good friends I invite you to ponder the ways in which you are doing what you love. Are you? Are you feeding your passions? Do you feel affirmed in what you do?

Another friend of mine once told me. "This is how I look at it. On the one hand, if I get up in the morning and I am fired up for the day, really excited for what I am doing, then I am probably doing the right thing. On the other hand if I wake up and dread going to work then I am probably doing the wrong thing." And he told me to trust this as the voice of God within us.

And we all strive for the day of retirement as well. I have known many who looked forward to it but who never made it because of some health issue, or I'd suggest because they were not taking care of themselves, their family and their bodies. One man that I knew built his retirement home. He was planning on moving into town after living and working on the farm for so many years. He and his wife had planned for this moment for along time. And just short of moving to town his boys found him lying beside the tractor after having suffered a stroke. He died a few months later. My own father dreamed of the cabin by the lake. Mom and Dad had been to the lake so many times. They had looked at a few spots for the cabin. And they were also going to buy one of the "Do it all" customized vans that they could travel in and camp in. We traveled allot as a family while I was growing up. My own father never made it to retirement, to the dream cabin and the customized van. He died short of crossing the finish line.

Scripture says it this way, "Don't put off for tomorrow what you can do today."

And let me say, finally, "Have fun!" Charge into your days. Run the passion meter up. Enjoy life. Think of the curve balls that come your way as just another part of the adventure and give it all up to God, friend.

Song:

"Everything", By Lifehouse

Listen: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fjDojEOiMcE>

Watch: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cyheJ48oLYA&feature=related>

Find Me Here

Speak To Me

I want to feel you

I need to hear you

You are the light
That's leading me
To the place
where I find peace, again.

You are the strength, that keeps me walking.
You are the hope, that keeps me trusting.
You are the life, to my soul.
You are my purpose, you're everything.

And how can I stand here with you and not be moved by you?
Would you tell me how could it be any better than this?

You calm the storms, and you give me rest.
You hold me in your hands, you won't let me fall.
You still my heart, and you take my breath away.
Would you take me in? Take me deeper now?

And How can I stand here with you and not be moved by you?
Would you tell me how could it be any better than this?
And how can I stand here with you and not be moved by you?
Would you tell me how could it be any better than this?

Cause you're all I want, you're all I need
You're everything, everything
You're all I want, you're all I need
You're everything, everything.
You're all I want, you're all I need.
You're everything, everything
You're all I want, you're all I need.
You're everything, everything.

And how can I stand here with you and not be moved by you?
Would you tell me how could it be any better than this?
And how can I stand here with you and not be moved by you?
Would you tell me how could it be any better, any better than this.

And How can I stand here with you and not be moved by you?
Would you tell me how could it be any better than this?

Would you tell me how could it be any better than this?
R.F.