

Still Growing!!



I love working with my hands. It brings joy to my heart to create new things or to see something work again. When something breaks at our house, my first response is usually “Hum, I wonder if I can fix that!” However, I must confess, in many of the journeys that I have had

throughout life, “my fixing”, has undoubtedly prevented some of the total blessings that I needed to experience. Many times, rather than giving absolute control to my heavenly Father, I have decided that I needed to “help out” in some way. That help is evidenced through not totally trusting or believing that Christ is able to do what He says He will do. It’s the attitude of saying I believe, but giving a little assistance, just in case.

Recently, the Lord has allowed me to encounter situations that I just could not “fix”. Over the past few years, there have been challenges in my family and with my job. And guess what? Even though I was praying and “giving the situation to the Lord”, I was still trying to do everything that I could to help Him out. But this time no matter what I did or tried; nothing got better.

Getting to the point where you realize that nothing that you do is having an impact is a difficult, but necessary, realization. If there is going to be change, Christ alone, is the One who can bring about that change process. Now, this is not new information; particularly not for me. I have listened to hundreds of sermons and studies on this topic, and even taught the principles myself. But this was data that I needed not just to hear, or even teach, but to import into my life. When I arrived at the point where I knew I couldn’t do anything else and admitted that to the Lord, then, the situations began to change.

I have been a Christian for over 45 years and a member of Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship for 40 of those years. I have seen the Lord work wonders in my life and the life of my family and friends. I have seen his faithfulness to OCBF and how He has allowed the church body to grow both spiritually and physically. But even after all those years, Christ is still shaping me and I am still learning to be more like Him daily.

One of my favorite verses is Philippians 1:6, "Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ." After 45 years of walking, running, and sometimes crawling with the Lord, Christ is still working on me! He is the ultimate "Fixer" and for that fact, I am so thankful!
