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LET THE WORD BE AT HOME



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“Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you...”

Colossians 3:16

When we have guests over to our homes, we open the door and say, “Come on in, and make yourselves at home.” But, we don’t mean that literally. They aren’t free to go into our bedroom and look in our closets or open our desk and examine our personal papers.

What we usually mean when we say, “Make yourself at home” is “Come into this specific room, and stay right here.”

As we read today’s verse in Colossians, we have to ask ourselves, is God’s Word at home in my heart? The word dwell in today’s verse means to make oneself at home. Paul is saying to us, “Don’t just hear the Word. Don’t just come on Sunday, Tuesday mornings or Wednesday nights and be great listeners.” Instead, Paul says, “let the Word have access to every part of ourselves.”

If Christ is going to be the Lord of our lives, we can’t place restrictions on Him. We can’t have areas of our lives where He’s not allowed to enter. He wants an open invitation to every area of our lives. We have to say, “Lord, check the closets, go into the attic, look inside the desk, and show me what I need to throw away or rearrange. Make Yourself completely at home.”

Now, when the Lord God starts making Himself at home in our hearts, He will make some painful remodeling decisions. As you read God's Word, the Holy Spirit will show you areas of your life that need attention. You will begin to see cracks in your attitude that need adjusting. You will see thoughts in your mind that need to be replaced. You may even see relationships that need to be completely thrown away. The Word will set your house in order. Yes, the process may hurt. But the conviction of the Holy Spirit that feels like hurt to us is actually designed to heal us. Proverbs 27:6 says, "Faithful are the wounds of a friend..."

Letting the Word be at home in you means coming before God with honesty and openness, ready to act on whatever He reveals to you.

Will you commit today to allow God to be your interior designer? Which room of your heart do you need to allow Him to access today?

Lord, we open our hearts fully to you. Come in. Have your way.

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