

Finding the Tracks of the Man Soul



...For I'm trained in the secret of overcoming all things, whether in fullness or in hunger. And I find that the strength of Christ's explosive power infuses me to conquer every difficulty.—Paul. Philippians 4:12-13 [The Passion Translation].

What if losing the track—and what we do with being lost—is an essential practice to engaging in the unbroken line of God's masculine initiation of our souls?

Lately, life has been enticing me into the ever deeper waters of my masculine initiation. I am discovering that tracking a deeper experience in my relationship with God bares interesting parallels with the tracking of animals in wild spaces and that it can offering stunning insights into the experience of tracking our souls as men especially in these bewildering days on Earth.

My hope is that this insight will offer particular treasure on your Journey as you discover the tracks of Sonship and as you apprentice Jesus who is always inviting us to become men whose wise hearts and skilled hands can engage in our Father's intentions for us along with the outflow of Jesus in our life, manifesting

His glory through those who seem to be the weakest links in a lost and dying world.

A Little Twist about loosing our tracks!

One Kingdom irony is that our Father invites us to enjoy this risky endeavor of sharing in His very nature through His Son, Jesus and through the unlikely doorway of losing track of our lives.

He who loses His life gains it!

“There is a last track, and then it’s gone. Trails can be like life in that way. You are clear on a path one minute, and the next instant, it’s gone. You get fired, you lose a loved one, the company fails, you retire, she dumps you, and you get divorced, you go to college to become one thing and then it doesn’t work out in the end. You may even experience setbacks and wounds along the way! Where you thought you were going vanishes. Who you thought you were is lost.... You had expectations of success and reaching your goal and it seems everything has turned out much differently. Now let me throw something out of the box for you to chew on. Think of it as a little trail mix or Jerky while you look for more tracks! More than any other part of tracking, losing the track might be the most metaphorically rich.”

What if losing the track—and what we do with being lost—is an essential practice to engaging in the unbroken line of God’s masculine initiation of our souls? And what if that looks like weakness, frailty, failures, wounds, and suffering? What if the essence of tracking looks like these things throughout our lives? What if this is the Path for men who are leading as Wounded Healers?

There comes a point in every man’s life that we feel like we have completely missed the trail. But what if as leaders we have been hardwired to dare greatly and fail forward! What if we practice accepting that losing the track is an essential part of tracking, What if the hard and crooked trail is the straight trail. Could it be that courageously accepting or admitting that we are lost is to discover we are found by a good and strong Father lovingly leading us home?

Paul himself not only caused a great deal of suffering on his journey; He also experienced a great deal of setbacks and suffering on the path. Some of his early wandering looked like he was headed for Hell! Listen to what he says from prison.

Colossians 1:21-25

Made Holy through Christ

Even though you were once distant from him, living in the shadows of your evil thoughts and actions, he reconnected you back to himself. He released his supernatural peace to you through the sacrifice of his own body as the sin-payment on your behalf so that you would dwell in his presence. And now there is nothing between you and Father God, for he sees you as holy, flawless, and restored, if indeed you continue to advance in faith, assured of a firm foundation to grow upon. Never be shaken from the hope of the gospel you have believed in. And this is the glorious news I preach all over the world.

The Divine Mystery

I can even celebrate the sorrows I have experienced on your behalf; for as I join with you in your difficulties, it helps you to discover what lacks in your understanding of the sufferings Jesus Christ experienced for his body, the church. *This is the very reason I've been made a minister by the authority of God and a servant to his body, so that in his detailed plan I would fully equip you with the Word of God.*

Is God Calling us to lead from your Setbacks, Weaknesses, Frailties, Brokenness, Wounds, Is He inviting us on a journey to lead/celebrate from buried feelings and emotions that will impact others with the clear pattern of Christs sufferings! Can you abandon your expectations to find the tracks of Jesus that are leading you as a wounded Healer?

Discussion:

Conversational Prayer through Colossians 1