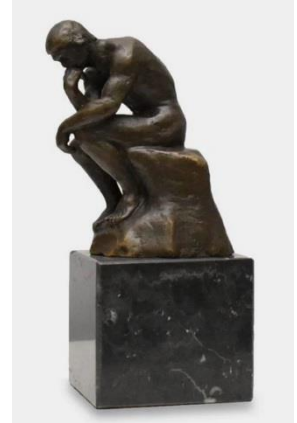# Futility or Fulfillment
Choosing Between Mastery and the Master

It is human nature to want to figure out things for ourselves. To do that, we want to understand everything, so we constantly mull over what is happening in our minds. This process sounds logical because it is human nature to seek control over our lives. Is this what God wants for us? Life presents us with an endless series of problems. The process of weighing all the possible scenarios totally occupies our minds, and confuses us. If a situation is resolved, another issue comes up. Life is a never-ending series of problems. It weighs us down and robs us of our peace.

The Bible tells us of a man named Solomon. He was considered the wisest man to have ever lived. Despite his intelligence, Solomon could never think his way through to peace. His quest for understanding resulted in feelings of futility rather than fulfillment. Solomon eventually lost his way and gave in to the will of his many wives. He worshipped idols and sought riches and possessions. Solomon sought earthly solutions from the "noise" around him instead of from God. As a result, he turned away from the God who had given him so much.

The Jesus Calling devotional book has this quote: "My Peace is not an elusive goal, hidden at the center of some complicated maze. Actually, you are always enveloped in Peace, which is inherent in My Presence."

As you think through your issues, you seek mastery over the subject instead of seeking "the Master." The relief you seek in trying to master the problems you face is short-lived. Even if you accomplish the task at hand, another issue pops up. Trying to do everything yourself is an exercise in futility and robs you of Peace.

There is a better answer. Seek God's presence, and seek Peace through Him. He loves you and will work something good from what you face. God's answer is always the right answer. The Bible tells us, *Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight (Proverbs 3:5-6).* With all of his wisdom, Solomon couldn't solve all his issues, leading to his downfall.   Let God show you the solution, and then leave everything in His hands. Find your fulfillment and peace through God.

The Bible Says: *Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you (2 Thessalonians 3:16).*

Closing Prayer: Lord, it is human nature to seek control of our lives, weighing all possible solutions rather than putting things in your hands. We put our lives in your hands, trusting in your Mercy and Wisdom. Amen.

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