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Hosea 4:6

"My people are being destroyed because they don't know Me..." Hosea 4:6 NLT

How many Christians live far below the Lord's intended will for them simply because they are ignorant of His will? "Therefore My people are gone into captivity, because they have no knowledge: and their honourable men are famished, and their multitude dried up with thirst." (Isaiah 5:13) They die early. Their children serve false gods. Sickness, disease, poverty, grief, depression seems their lot. And this is abundant living promised by Jesus? (John 10:10). I think not! (Don't spiritualize the problem and don't hide behind theologically high minded arguments.) When we fail to appropriate the promised or the blessing procured by Christ at Calvary – it is a faith and prayer failure on our parts. In essence, we are allowing Christ's work to go unclaimed! Such may be a shocking statement, but it is true. Rather than fight the truth, why not become all the more determined to lay hold of that which Christ's redemption offers?!

The only means of pleasing God is by faith. (Hebrews 11:6). And it is by this same faith we enter into the blessings of God's Kingdom! However, if we are ignorant of God's will in a matter, we will always lack the faith necessary to receive from His hand His intended blessing! "Faith begins where the will of God is known."¹ It is not enough to love God and be zealous for Him. We need to know what His plan and desire is for our lives. "They have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge." (Romans 10:2). So then, how many perish in their afflictions and troubles because they don't know the will and Word of God? (Psalm 119:92). "The things that are revealed (through the Word of God and by the Spirit of God) belong to us and to our children forever." (Deuteronomy 29:29).

Are you facing troubles? Is a portion of your life being destroyed? Could it be you don't know God's will and Word concerning the giant you are now facing? What does His Word reveal to you about your circumstances? What verses has He spoken to your heart?

Let faith arise and do its work!

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