

Quiet Time

(Something that Happened)

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Topic: My pride got in the way today

Thoughts:

- **What happened?**
 - I put a presentation together detailing a product roadmap. Some new team members reviewed the presentation and started making lots of changes when they really had never reviewed the project history. I wasn't happy and I started about 10 emails letting them know my position. The one I finally sent was toned down, professional, but internally I was stewing.
- **What was the issue?**
 - I was so concerned about how I would look to the rest of the team. But then God really convicted my heart that I was simply trying to control things, wanting to define the outcome. Yes, maybe I was right, but was my internally frustration how God wanted me to react? How many times did they tell Jesus He was wrong and how did He respond?
- **What is the conviction?**
 - I was allowing my pride to totally control my response. Satan having a heyday in the heavenly realms pointing out my behavior. Was I more worried about reflecting Christ or about being right and demonstrating I was the one who knew the direction?
- **How should I have responded?**
 - I want to be a testimony – perhaps a calm reflection on the presentation, showing respect for the other team members yet constructively helping them to understand my presentation.
 - Think about if I were to lose it at the review meeting – could I then turn around and witness to them about Christ? What is more important here, my reputation or my witness?
- **What would Jesus do?**

Something about writing this scenario out in your quiet time journal helps you process and think through these situations. I find that often God will bring applicable verses to mind that I will write down. I often find that writing out the verse gives the Holy Spirit a chance to cause other thoughts to come to mind for consideration. Write those thoughts down. When finished (watch and be amazed at how much time may go by doing this QT exercise), you'll close your journal having completed some amazing, challenging, encouraging time with the Lord. The intimacy with God is a special reward.

Prayer:

- Look through your notes – what did God show you?
- Pray it back to Him – thanking Him for revealing, challenging, teaching and encouraging

Action:

- Commit to memory any verse that stands out. This verse may be the means of checking your attitude the next time this situation arises. The Holy Spirit will bring it to mind.