

# Quiet Time

(Something that Happened)

**Date:** 04/04/24

**Topic:** My pride got in the way today

## Thoughts:

- What happened?
  - I put a presentation together detailing a product roadmap for senior management. Some new team members reviewed the presentation and started making lots of changes without any cogent understanding of the project history. Reflecting my disapproval, I started about 10 different emails letting them know my position. The one I finally sent was toned down, professional, but internally I was stewing.
- What was the issue?
  - Demonstrating a real concern for how I would look to the rest of the team, my attitudes and motives were unpure. God brought a strong conviction concerning the state of my heart – demanding control of the outcomes, pride was on full display. Yes, maybe I was right, but was my internal frustration was obviously misaligned with God's expectations. What was Jesus' reaction when he as falsely accused, maligned, and mocked?
- What is the conviction?
  - I was allowing my pride to totally control my response. Satan was 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?

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 as this may be a means of step checking your attitude the next time this situation arises. The Holy Spirit will bring it to mind.