

Search and Switch

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Brother Jerry has a Word from the Lord that 2020 will be: "*Year of a New Open Door*". That is a wonderful expectation to have and a wonderful Word to begin to receive into your heart.

I got to this word - *Search*.

If you are in the process of searching, it means you are trying to find something. It's not just a casual looking around it is: *to hunt, look, probe, dig, rummage, route around and about as in looking for something, a quest, purpose, a pursuit of or seeking after*. To search is different to research. If you are doing research, then you are doing *a systematic investigation into and study of materials and sources in order to establish facts and new conclusions*.

There is something that God has placed in every one of us, an instinct that we are searching for something from the day that we are born. (Psalm 77:6; 139:23-24 NKJV). We are all designed and created as human beings, not to settle for the ordinary, but to press for the extraordinary. The Bible says God has put eternity in our hearts so that this searching will lead you to Jesus. In your finding Him, you find all of your answers.

All of your searching is found in Him, whether you are a newborn (searching for the source of food/sustenance); a little child (searching boundaries); a teenager (searching identity); a young adult (exercising options and searching for meaning in life) or whether you are an older person (pursuing a career or making money).

No money, status and power, or relationship on earth can fill that hole. God is the only one that can fill it. Many people are searching for things. From the day you are born there is something inside of you that is searching for something (opportunities, new experiences). At the same time you are not sure how much of your comfort zone you want to rock (*I want to stay comfortable, but I want to rummage, dig around a bit to find different ways of expressing myself*).

Ecclesiastes 1:12-18; 2:1-11 (NKJV) King Solomon was searching in his heart to find out what the meaning of everything and anything is (even stupidity and folly). He had the wisdom of God to see things beyond anything in the natural. Solomon was God Smart, having a part of God's ability that he could exercise on the earth, called wisdom. Wisdom is the understanding of God and it is the understanding of things on the earth that God wants you to understand and see in a certain way. Solomon concludes one thing, "Fear God and live."

You can't switch the searching-button off in your heart.

God placed that search engine in you because He is wanting you to search for Him.

⁷Blessed *is* the man who trusts in the Lord, (Jeremiah 17:7 (NKJV)).

If you trust in yourself you can't be blessed. If your trust is in another man, he will let you down. Ultimately there is the only One that actually will never fail you. Anything you produced in your own strength, is not where your blessing lies. If you are in a search pattern that is searching for something in this natural world to fill your heart (accumulation of things, wealth, achievements, passions) then your ways depart from God. If it is not God that is pleasing you, first and foremost, you will never find a real peace and a real joy. If you depend on self or on other men you will not even recognize when God is bringing good to you (Jeremiah 17:5-10 NKJV).

What you do in life is always going to be something where your heart is exposed.

¹⁰I, the Lord, search the heart, I test the mind, Even to give every man according to his ways, According to the fruit of his doings. (Jeremiah 17:10 NKJV)

The mind justifies what the heart has already chosen. You are going to find a mental reason to justify what your heart has chosen. When your heart chooses God you will find amazingly, how your mind begins to change in what you justify.

Luke 15:8-10 (NKJV) When you get to the point where you say, I have had enough of searching for the things in life everywhere, then the time comes to switch to God and to say, *"Alright God, I'm going to search for You now and I'm going to find You."*

Don't forget that we are still living in the year of Marvels and Wonders and Manifestations of the Greatness of our God. God is going to speed things up and He is going to do in one year what would have taken 10 years to do.

As we are looking for the new door, there is a searching we have got to do by the Spirit. When you find the search (God), then you have got to switch. Switch you mind, up your value system and don't think, *"I'll never do that."*

The Lord is interested in every choice that you make, every search that you do, everything that you explore, everything that is a part of your life. Let this desire inside of you to reach out to search for something actually motivate you and let it inspire you to reach for God and search for Him. The Bible says, if you search for Him, He will be found. The search that you have in your heart, is Himself that He placed in you to search for Him. He's got the same search looking for you.

He wants you in fellowship with Him.

He wants to have a love relationship.

He wants to have a connection.

He wants to have a conversation.

He wants to have everything with you.

My declarations/confessions of what I'm believing God for in my life, I'm always searching for the right answer, for the right thing for God to do what He needs to do (the Word of God being my guide). For instance, Jesus always had the perfect mode of transport for what He needed to do and what His disciples needed to do with Him. After meditating on this, transportation just by itself is not a matter of *I believe God for a new car*, but rather *I need the right transport, to get me to the right place, at the right time.*

If we search for Him, then He is there for us in all the small details of our lives. He is with us in our details and He is with us in our pursuit for eternity. He is a great and wonderful God. If you will open your heart and let this message penetrate your heart, it will help you with your searching. As you find yourself in a day where you are searching for something, just turn to God and just become aware of the God inside of you, that is actually part of that searching, Who is wanting you to reach Him and Him to reach you.