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The value of asking a question.

Knowing what to ask is the most important thing in learning because asking a question presupposes an answer.

- 1. When a question is asked, there’s always a reason behind it.**
- 2. When a question is asked, there’s always something to be learned.**
- 3. When a question is asked, there’s always an answer to be received.**

Isaiah 50:1-11

1 Thus says the Lord: “Where is the certificate of your mother’s divorce, whom **I** have put away? Or which of **My** creditors is it to whom **I** have sold you? For your iniquities you have sold yourselves, and for your transgressions your mother has been put away. **2** Why, when **I** came, was there no man? Why, when **I** called, was there none to answer? Is **My** hand shortened at all that it cannot redeem? Or have **I** no power to deliver? Indeed with **My** rebuke **I** dry up the sea, **I** make the rivers a wilderness; their fish stink because there is no water, and die of thirst. **3** **I** clothe the heavens with blackness, and **I** make sackcloth their covering.” **4** “The Lord God has given **Me** the tongue of the learned, that **I** should know how to speak a word in season to him who is weary. He awakens **Me** morning by morning, He awakens **My** ear to hear as the learned. **5** The Lord God has opened **My** ear; and **I** was not rebellious, nor did **I** turn away. **6** **I** gave **My** back to those who struck **Me**, and **My** cheeks to those who plucked out the beard; **I** did not hide **My** face from shame and spitting. **7** “For the Lord God will help **Me**; therefore **I** will not be disgraced; therefore **I** have set **My** face like a flint, and **I** know that **I** will not be ashamed.

8 He is near who justifies **Me**; who will contend with **Me**? Let us stand together. Who is **My** adversary? Let him come near **Me**. **9** Surely the Lord God will help **Me**; who is he who will condemn **Me**? Indeed they will all grow old like a garment; the moth will eat them up. **10** “Who among you fears the Lord? Who obeys the voice of **His** Servant? Who walks in darkness and has no light? Let him trust in the name of the Lord and rely upon his God. **11** Look, all you who kindle a fire, who encircle yourselves with sparks: walk in the light of your fire and in the sparks you have kindled - - This you shall have from **My** hand: you shall lie down in torment.

Can I Ask You A Question?

1.) Whose fault is this?

vs. 1-3

1 Thus says the Lord: “Where is the certificate of your mother’s (Israel’s) divorce, whom **I** have put away? **(Q1)** Or which of **My** creditors is it to whom **I** have sold you? **(Q2)**

certificate heb: saphar. A ledger, a list of reasons, the numbering faults and the keeping of accounts.

“God is saying – I don't want to keep score so I can condemn you or destroy you at every turn.

divorce heb: root word is **karath**, to tear the flesh apart. To rip out or to grab hold of and to pull out from the body. (singularly)

creditors heb: **nashah** that which has been forgotten, forgiven, cancelled out.

:1b For your iniquities **you have sold yourselves**, and for your transgressions your mother (nation) has been put away.

The Tragedy of Self-Inflected Wounds

Address the issue of rebellion against God’s **known word** and His **revealed will**.

**Because of your iniquities you have sold yourselves,
The Cost of Pleasuring Yourself in This World and for What?**

Proverbs 6:20-29 NLT

My son, obey your father's commands, and don't neglect your mother's instruction. 21 Keep their words always in your heart. Tie them around your neck. 22 When you walk, their counsel will lead you. When you sleep, they will protect you. When you wake up, they will advise you. 23 For their command is a lamp and their instruction a light; their corrective discipline is the way to life. 24 It will keep you from the immoral woman, from the smooth tongue of a promiscuous woman. 25 Don't lust for her beauty. Don't let her coy glances seduce you. 26 For a prostitute will bring you to poverty, but sleeping with another man's wife will cost you your life. 27 Can a man scoop a flame into his lap and not have his clothes catch on fire? 28 Can he walk on hot coals and not blister his feet? 29 So it is with the man who sleeps with another man's wife. He who embraces her will not go unpunished.

2 Timothy 3:1-6 NLT

You should know this, Timothy, that in the last days there will be very difficult times. 2 For people will love only themselves and their money. They will be boastful and proud, scoffing at God, disobedient to their parents, and ungrateful. They will consider nothing sacred. 3 They will be unloving and unforgiving; they will slander others and have no self-control. They will be cruel and hate what is good. 4 They will betray their friends, be reckless, be puffed up with pride, and love pleasure rather than God. 5 They will act religious, but they will reject the power that could make them godly. Stay away from people like that! 6 They are the kind who work their way into people's homes and win the confidence of vulnerable (susceptible to flattery) women who are burdened with the guilt of sin and controlled by various desires. 7 (Such women are forever following new teachings, but they are never able to understand the truth.)

Fifty Shades of Grey will take you into a Very Dark Place.

Some of you have two different homes, two addresses.

"I'll just have this mailed to my other address"
"This - I'll just forward that to the other address"

(and you think you're living a Christian life)

Do You Know How to Walk?

Galatians 5:16-21 NLT

So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves. 17 The sinful nature wants to do evil, which is just the opposite of what the Spirit wants. And the Spirit gives us desires that are the opposite of what the sinful nature desires. These two forces are constantly fighting each other, so you are not free to carry out your good intentions. 18 But when you are directed by the Spirit, you are not under obligation to the law of Moses. 19 When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division, 21 envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God.

Do You Know How to Run?

2 Timothy 2:22

Flee (pheugo = escape, a fugitive, run to safety) also youthful lusts; but **pursue** dioko: = flee toward a rescue, run toward an answer) righteousness,

Whose Fault is This?

2a Why, when I came, was there no man? **(Q3)** Why, when I called, was there none to answer? **(Q4)**

Can you hear His heart in that?

**These are questions for every generation, but who cares, right?
These are questions that God is asking each of us tonight?**

Whose Fault is This?

2b Is **My** hand shortened at all that it cannot redeem? **(Q5)** Or have I no power to deliver? **(Q6)** Indeed with **My** rebuke I dry up the sea, I make the rivers a wilderness; their fish stink because there is no water, and die of thirst.
3 I clothe the heavens with blackness, and I make sackcloth their covering.”

Can I Ask You A Question?

2.) Hasn't He given you His answer?

vs. 4-5

This is a Messianic Passage / Prophecy

4 “The Lord God has given **Me** the tongue of the learned, that **I** should know how to speak a word in season to him who is weary. He awakens **Me** morning by morning, He awakens **My** ear to hear as the learned. 5 The Lord God has opened **My** ear; and **I** was not rebellious, nor did **I** turn away.

Here Comes The Answers to The Questions?

Psalm 107:20

He sent His **word** and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.

Does this sound familiar? - - cuz it should.

... and Jesus said unto them / He sat down and taught the people /
He opened His mouth and spoke to them saying...
“Thus says the LORD”

Revelation 2:29

“He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit **says** to the churches.” ’

Can I Ask You A Question?

3.) What else could He have done for you?

vs. 6-7

6 I gave **My** back to those who struck **Me**, and **My** cheeks to those who plucked out the beard; **I** did not hide **My** face from shame and spitting. 7 “For the Lord God will help **Me**; therefore **I** will not be disgraced; therefore **I** have set **My** face like a flint, and **I** know that **I** will not be ashamed.

John 19:1

So then Pilate took Jesus and **scourged** Him

Mark 15:16-20

Then the soldiers led Him away into the hall called Praetorium, and they called together the whole garrison. 17 And they clothed Him with purple; and they twisted a crown of thorns, put it on His head, 18 and began to salute Him, “Hail, King of the Jews!” 19 Then they struck Him on the head with a reed and spat on

Him; and bowing the knee, they worshiped Him. 20 And when they had mocked Him, they took the purple off Him, put His own clothes on Him, and led Him out to crucify Him.

Can I Ask You A Question?

4.) How confident are you in your salvation?

vs. 8-10

8 He is near who justifies **Me**; who will contend with **Me**? **(Q7)** Let us stand together. Who is **My** adversary? **(Q8)** Let him come near **Me**. **9** Surely the Lord God will help **Me**; who is he who will condemn **Me**? **(Q9)** Indeed they will all grow old like a garment; the moth will eat them up. **10** "Who among you fears the Lord? **(Q10)** Who obeys the voice of **His** Servant? **(Q11)** Who walks in darkness and has no light? **(Q12)** Let him trust in the name of the Lord and rely upon his God.

Can I Ask You A Question?

5.) What will you do now about what you are?

vs. 11

11 Look, all you who kindle a fire, who encircle yourselves with sparks: walk in the light of your fire and in the sparks you have kindled - - This you shall have from **My** hand: you shall lie down in torment.

Going back to the Real Answer to your Troubles

Can I Ask You A Question(s)?

Who are you in your day-to-day life?...

What are you, in your day-to-day reality?...

Jesus Is Asking You A Question Now

Matthew 16:13-18

When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?" :**14** So they said, "Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." :**15** He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" :**16** Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." :**17** Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. **18** And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

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Jeremiah 2:11-13

Has a nation changed its gods, which are not gods (no way)? But My people have changed their glory for what does not profit. **12** Be astonished, O heavens, at this, and be horribly afraid; be very desolate,” says the Lord. **13** “For My people have committed two evils: they have forsaken Me, the fountain of living waters, and hewn themselves cisterns - broken cisterns that can hold no water.

John 5:37-40

And the Father Himself, who sent Me, has testified of Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His form. **38** But you do not have His word abiding in you, because whom He sent, Him you do not believe. **39** You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. **40** But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life.

End of Study

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