



Derailers

"But Peter took him aside and began to reprimand him for saying such things. "Heaven forbid, Lord," he said. "This will never happen to you!"

²³ Jesus turned to Peter and said, "Get away from me, Satan! You are a dangerous trap to me. You are seeing things merely from a human point of view, not from God's." Matthew 16:22-23 (NLT)

Ever had a chain derail on your bike? I remember one time as a kid having to get the chain back on for the first time. I was pretty far from home so walking home was not an option. The chain was jammed between the sprocket and the chain guard. What a mess. Great learning experience! Fortunately I made it home

successfully. From then on I was careful not to use certain gear combinations, fearing a repeat.

I learned that derailleurs, (or derailleurs in french), though intended for good, can easily leave you stranded.

Similarly, as you move forward in your adventure, focused on your Life Mission, unintended derailleurs are inevitable and they can easily set you back. Your enemy does not want you to be successful so will go to great lengths to derail you. Perhaps his favorite, the well intended, even innocent, comment from someone close to home. [Subtle but powerful, they pack a punch delivered right where you are most sensitive, your "Cut" as described in my book, Unlock Your Life.](#) This is the place of your wound. Satan knows just where this is and he will go there. You must be prepared. If you suffer a hit, your mission may end up a twisted mess.

Look at Peter's comment to Jesus highlighted above for example. Peter just had the revelation that Jesus was the Messiah. Jesus responded telling him that upon this rock he will build his church. Peter seems to get it! Then Jesus tells him that he will go to Jerusalem suffer and be killed. Peter responds innocently, meaning well, right from his heart. Of course he didn't want to see this happen, he loved being with Jesus, and Jesus loved Peter. But look at the power of Jesus' response - he minced no words. He would allow nothing to interfere with him completing his mission, the reason he was here in the first place. Jesus knew full well that his mission was above everything in priority.

Imagine what would have happened if Jesus had been derailed by Peter's comment.

I've experienced the punch of this sort of innocent, well meaning comment. One example; just before becoming a financial advisor with a purpose, on the cusp of resigning from my current job, a friend said "Oh, you're too nice to be a financial advisor." He didn't mean to hurt me, but his comment cut to my core, triggering my fear of failure. Ouch! It made me question everything I was doing. It took everything I had to stay the course. Fortunately, all of the work I had done to be spiritually prepared paid off. Though I had doubt, God gave me the courage to persevere. He had brought me to the point where I realized that there was really no other path for me. I needed to go forward. The rest is history; my life dramatically changed. I could well have never experienced the adventure of my life as God intended for me had I listened to my friend.

How will you defend yourself?

Jesus knew the stakes of his mission clearly. This was kingdom business, and your Life Mission is too. When on mission you must look with the eyes of God. Though the stakes of your Life Mission are not saving the entire human race, other's lives could be hanging in the balance. Satan wants to stop you. Jesus forcefully put the unintended comment in its place. Notice what is happening around you and put things in their proper place.

"They were just trying to intimidate us, imagining that they could discourage us and stop the work. So I continued the work with even greater determination."
Nehemiah 6:9 (NLT)

Nehemiah, under a constant barrage of threats from his enemy, like Jesus, stayed relentlessly focused on his mission. He stayed close to God which allowed him to discern the enemies schemes.

Stay close to God, pray for strength and stay relentlessly focused on your Life Mission.

Nehemiah prayed for strength to continue. Amazingly, the attacks actually strengthened his resolve! They seemed to affirm he was doing the work of God, something the enemy did not want to happen. Those not doing a great work will not get attacked....think about it.

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"I will relentlessly fight for my Life Mission."

"Don't be afraid of the enemy! Remember the Lord, who is great and glorious, and fight for your brothers, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your homes!" Nehemiah 4:14 (NLT)

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