



Push or Pull?

“But I’m afraid to surrender...”

King Zedekiah in Jeremiah 38.19 (NLT)

How many cycles have you been through? When I face a significant Jump in faith, the decision cycles over and over in my mind, countless times, almost an obsession. One moment I’ll be gung-ho, ready to move ahead. “I know what I need to do!” This usually happens when I reflect on the big picture of life; when I realize that we only have so much time here on Earth. “Life is short” I say. God reminds me that he has me here for an important reason. “I’m just the one to do it so I better get on it!”

Not even 10 minutes later I find myself negotiating... “It would be better if I waited a little longer. I can do this once these other things are in place.” I know what is right, I know that God will be there with me, yet I just won’t let go and make the jump. It’s just that I’m afraid to surrender. Round and round I go.

King Zedekiah was in such a spot. What would be better for him? Waive his peace

flag to the Babylonians or resist? Jeremiah told him the plain truth – surrender and it will go well for you. How could he? Zedekiah didn't want to appear weak. He even made sure that Jeremiah didn't tell the palace officials what they had discussed. Apparently, he was still more afraid of them than the consequences of going against the mighty Babylonians. I can almost hear him negotiating with himself, "Jeremiah is a prophet of God so I know he is right, but I can't look weak, I'm the King. I don't want to look like a fool to my team." He chose to let his fear outweigh the truth and it cost him dearly.

Yours may not be a life and death decision, but the underpinnings are the same. Believe God's truth or fall victim to fear.... on goes the cycle.

Why is it that we struggle so much to trust God's promises?

I can attest that every time I have trusted him and made the Jump, it has brought me closer to God. It's been good! Why wouldn't I want this? Nothing should hold me back, right? Of course, when I Jump, I must let go of something good, something secure. It's scary. In reflecting, I have come to understand that we must "reach the point of surrender" because merely stating the words doesn't work. Truly accepting God's promises doesn't come so easily. Surrendering ultimately comes as either a push or a pull.

We are pushed to the point of surrender when we find ourselves with no other options. Imagine standing on the edge of a cliff, the ledge shrinking with each tick of the clock. Cycling back and forth, room for your feet shrinking, time runs out. The choice is made for you. Alternatively, what if what you were jumping toward something so attractive that you couldn't wait to Jump? Imagine a magnetic pull so strong you just couldn't resist.

I always tell people I coach, "Let's figure out how you can get there sooner." We always find a way... It starts by generating this magnetic pull by moving closer to God. Soon you'll begin to see through his eyes, understand his priorities, his love for you and others. You know him better and you'll want to become more like him. Think of the dad in the pool calling for his little son to jump out to him. The boy loves his dad; he wants to be like him! He trusts him so much that he makes the Jump. He anticipates the feeling of his hug. O so good!

"Such love has no fear, because perfect love expels all fear." 1 John 4:18 (NLT)

Like the little boy, our souls long for this closeness, this bonding that comes from faith and trust.... Perfect love leads to Oneness, a place without fear. Can you feel this desire in you?

What will it be for you, push or pull?

Fueling the deep desire of your soul for oneness creates the magnetic pull. Fail to fuel it and you will cycle round and round, Locked In by fear, feeling regret. Greater oneness with God is the outcome of making Jumps on your Spiritual S Curve. Jumps occur when we finally surrender a worldly belief and accept a new belief, God's truth.

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"I pursue Jumps so I can become more like Jesus."

"And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image." The Apostle Paul in 2 Corinthians 3:18b (NLT)

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