

Such Irony!



“I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat is planted in the soil and dies, it remains alone. But its death will produce many new kernels—a plentiful harvest of new lives.”

Jesus Christ | John 12:24 (NLT)

Dying?

I have a client who is dying, or is she? Physically she is falling apart, now

bedridden 24/7. Caregivers come in for three hours every day to help. She can do little for herself, but inside she is vibrant, full of the Spirit, actually overflowing. You should hear her testimonies! Everyone she encounters hears the Good News. She says never in her life has she been so contagious, person after person coming to accept Christ. Those who come to serve her end up being served. Such irony!

How shall a man live?

I was reading some ancient wisdom the other day. Apparently, the old sages liked to use puzzling speech. They would ask:

- **How shall a man live?** and answer “**Die!**” Meaning to live, you must slay all that is ugly and mean within yourself. Only then can you live worthily.

Then they’d ask:

- **How shall a man die?** “**Live!**” Meaning if you live in a self-centered, animal-like way, concerned only with your own pleasures, you will effectively slay all that is worthwhile in life.

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Weakness leads to Strength?

The Apostle Paul realized that pursuing the will of Christ is a continual journey of irony.

“Three different times I begged the Lord to take it away. Each time he said, ‘My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness.’ So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me. The Apostle Paul| 2 Corinthians 12:8-9 (NLT)

If God's power works best in weakness, why do we try so hard to be strong? My client has no choice but to be vulnerable. Look what happens! When was the last time you were vulnerable?

Perhaps the old sages would answer this question this way:

- **How shall a man pursue his Life Mission? “Be vulnerable!”** Meaning that when you share your "Why Story", the reason why you are the perfect one to pursue your Life Mission, God will advance your Life Mission.

Your Why Story answers the question “Why me?” by capturing your emotional response to a highly impactful life event. Your reaction leverages your strengths and you become particularly good at dealing with your life event. So good, in fact, that you can turn it around to serve others who've experienced similar events.

You may have heard the saying, “Don't waste your pain.” Your Life Mission emanates from your impactful life experience. (And yes, it could just as well come from a highly impactful positive experience.)

Though you will be inclined to pursue your Life Mission in strength, vulnerability is more attractive and it will make you contagious. It takes humility to be vulnerable. Even more, it takes deep love for others (particularly those who have experienced what you have)... so much in fact that you'll show them your deepest wounds to save them.

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I Love Others So Much That I Show Them My Wounds.

“If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it; but if I didn’t love others, I would have gained nothing.” The Apostle Paul | 1 Corinthians 13:3 (NLT)

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