

Spiritual No Man's Land



**“Though the Lord is great, he cares for the humble,
but he keeps his distance from the proud.”
King David | Psalm 138:6 (NLT)**

Inevitable Stagnation

Kids of today may not grasp this, but when I grew up, all of us would gather for outdoor games after dinner. One of my favorites was Capture the Flag... super fun! After picking teams, and marking boundaries, we'd define “no man's land,” a safe zone where teams could coexist with no risk of capture. No man's land was a great place for a breather, to chat with friends or strategize, but no place to hang out for long. You can't win while hanging out in no man's land!

If you're like me, you've hung out in a “spiritual” no man's land before. It's an inevitable stage in the progression from humility to pride along the Spiritual S curve. Recall, the initiation of the Spiritual S comes at the time of surrender. There is no point more humbling than having battled with God and lost; your errant belief falling to his absolute truth.



From here, we grow in Intimacy with God, but inevitably we drift as the zest of our testimony fades. With drifting comes comfort and pride soon enters. We'd hesitate to call ourselves prideful, but we have just enough to keep us from doing the bold things Jesus calls for us to do. If we're not careful, we'll park in this spiritual no man's land for an extended time. As David wrote, with pride comes distance and with distance not only will

your relationship with God grow dull, fulfillment of your Life Mission will stagnate.

Availing Yourself

I've had this burning desire to experience more of the Holy Spirit for months. Seems reasonable, right? Interestingly, a small comment in a sermon by pastor Alistair Begg zinged me. "You are not experiencing the Holy Spirit fully because you're not availing yourself to him. It's a lack of obedience."

"I know all the things you do, that you are neither hot nor cold. I wish that you were one or the other! But since you are like lukewarm water, neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth! You say, 'I am rich. I have everything I want. I don't need a thing!' And you don't realize that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked. Jesus Christ | Revelation 3:15-17 (NLT)

Hit me like a ton of bricks. I've been a spiritual no man's land....could you be too? You can't win while hanging around in no man's land. Has your testimony become lukewarm? Jesus' words are difficult to take but sometimes we need to be knocked hard to get us moving again. Talk about a zinger!

Coach's Questions:

Is it time to freshly avail yourself to the Holy Spirit? What belief do you need to surrender?

Check Your Grip and Go

Freshly availing yourself to the Holy Spirit requires risk...of course! Faith requires risk, but what risk? I suppose you could jump out of an airplane at 10,000 feet. Some would consider that risky. Perhaps a more

significant and appropriate risk would be to loosen your grip on what you're clinging to that flies in the face of one of God's promises. Your grip is tightest on things you value most. Perhaps financial security, or fear of failure... see the pride at the root of these? What are your hands clenching tightly? What is this keeping you from doing? Is it time to learn first-hand that God stands by his promises in this area?

One of my favorite moves when playing Capture the Flag was to surprise the unattentive enemy with a well-planned sprint from no man's through their territory. A scouting mission you might say. Yes, I risked capture, but it was exhilarating and my movement opened up tremendous opportunities... how else could we find out where their flag was hidden? Movement led to victory!

A scouting mission is a great way to get yourself moving out of your spiritual no man's land. Start exploring! Learn something new, meet people from other walks of life, poke around and play a bit...then watch your fears fade and possibilities grow. You'll be surprised by how a little movement can start the process toward a great victory and fresh new intimacy with the Lord. Is it time to launch a scouting mission from your...

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Spirit Talk

Post this where you will see it regularly.

I courageously break from my safe zone to take the victory God has promised.

"But Caleb tried to quiet the people as they stood before Moses. "Let's go at once to take

the land," he said. "We can certainly conquer it!"
Numbers 13:30 (NLT)



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