



Your Deep Well



“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)

“Why do I not get over my Cut once and for all!” Though suffering its painful pang once again, a grin formed after I wrote these words in my journal. I remembered that Jesus doesn’t work this way, a truth reinforced when I read...

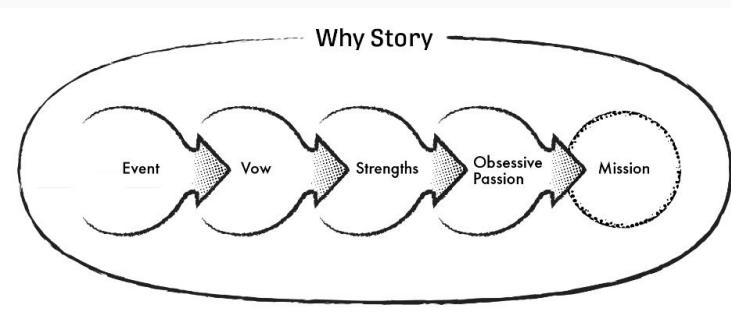
"Jesus has no intention of letting you become whole apart from his moment-to-moment presence and life within you." Beautiful Outlaw (John Eldridge 2013)

Why doesn't Jesus simply heal your Cut? Great good, tremendous passion and contagious testimony are powered by it! In fact, your Mission is rooted in the highly impactful life event that caused it. Jesus' words to Paul say it all, *"My power works best in weakness."* Jesus chooses not to heal your Cut... at least not yet. So why obsess to eradicate it?

Reflect: When will I give up trying to get past my Cut?

Your Cut is the result of a deeply impactful, adverse, life-altering time or season of life, an Event. A consequence of sin, an Event will seem

"not right" in some way. In response, a Vow forms (typically unspoken.) It may sound like, "I'm never going to live my life like that!" or "I'll prove that's not true!" or "This is how things should be!" As we go about life, our strengths labor to effect our Vow, creating an Obsessive Passion.



Not to be confused with one's passion, which can simply be an emotional escape, an Obsessive Passion is something you just can't seem to stop doing as you subconsciously work to avert a similar Event. Relentless focus and activity build an expertise and bring relief, but not healing...

Consider: My Mission forms when I exert my Obsessive Passion to serve others with Cuts like mine.

The progression takes you to a fork in the road – fight, run away or embrace your Cut. Which path will you choose? On one hand you are right to be angry, “It’s not fair!” Project this path’s dark and bitter destiny... Do you really want this?

Cuts hurt, why not anesthetize? It soothes for a time, but what are the consequences? Think of the regret of your life, wasted.

“Liquor is for the dying, and wine for those in deep depression. Let them drink to forget their poverty and remember their troubles no more” King Lemuel (Proverbs 31:6-7)

Will you courageously embrace your Cut instead? Such a difficult path deters most. You cannot walk it alone. As Eldridge wrote, taking this path requires Jesus’ moment by moment presence and life within you.

Your Cut is a deep well. Pain filled, yes! But, as the power of Christ works through you, he converts your pain into the Kingdom building passion that powers your Mission. Nothing compares!

Imagine: The contagious passion of walking with Jesus.

All three paths have this in common – none of them eradicate your Cut. You cannot kill nor run far enough away from it. But what could match walking into it, arm in arm with Jesus, the one who overcomes? Lean on him then watch him powerfully leverage your Cut. You can be a part of his grand redemptive plan!

Embracing your Cut requires the courage to be weak, to draw from your deep well. Surrender your Cut to Jesus, not once, but over and over, each time in a deeper more trusting way. Your passion renewed, vulnerably share your "Why Story" (the impassioned story that emanates from your Cut and progresses to your Mission) with Jesus at your side. He'll make you highly contagious and your Mission will advance. Boast in your weakness! Courageously draw from...

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Go off the grid and ask these questions:

Coach's Questions

- What is my Cut? My Vow?
- How has my life formed in response to my Vow? What is my Obsessive Passion?
- Surrender my Cut once again and ask, "Whom can I vulnerably share my Why Story with today?"

Spirit Talk

Post this where you will see it regularly.

Walk into My Cut with Jesus

"Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him"

The Apostle Paul / Colossians 2:6 (ESV)



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