

Helping more men follow God's Word

Recently men have mentioned to Darin some of the pains in their lives and how they've wondered what role God has in the suffering of His people. Darin's used Scripture with them to show that following God's Word doesn't necessitate a painless or comfortable life. Philippians 3:10 actually has Paul praying to share in the sufferings of Christ. The Book of Job shows God's sovereignty over every pain of a godly man. Jesus Christ Himself as well as most of His early followers, obviously gave up their very lives to establish Christianity, and Jesus addressed the cost of painful sacrifice:

Then he said to them all, "If anyone wants to become my follower, he must deny himself, take up his cross daily, and follow me." Luke 9:23

Doing what God wants instead of what we'd like to do on our own makes us Christlike (Romans 8:29 and 12:1-2). As men involved with LOGOS Leaders Outreach spend more time filling their minds with Scripture, we've observed them following Jesus in ways the world will often painfully oppose. Consider what a rising star in business told Darin this wk:

My ministry is corporate America and my hope is that in all that I do, my desire would be to please God. There are often situations at the office where I am asked to agree with decisions that do not align with God's Word and in these moments I have to decide whether to live to please God, or please man. I'm continually affirmed that in these situations when I speak out in truth against the grain of what is culturally acceptable, God is working for the good of my co-workers and for His glory. It is in these moments of courage that God is beautifully on display for all to see.

This man shares His faith with co-workers and has suffered the stress of reaching out to his boss for Christ. **Darin's discipleship time with him encourages biblical boldness in every area of life.** Another man's witness even made an impact positively on a high level unsaved leader. One man getting discipled told others meeting with Darin that we should make obediently representing Christ more important than keeping our jobs. So much production comes from them that they won't get fired, but the willingness to obey God's Word when it gets awkward or makes life more difficult brings glory to God. Please pray for men battling to live by the Book and we'll end with another businessman's quote.

*Very good message today Darin ---- great to get caught up as well.
You are a blessing to me and to many others ---- I love you !!!!!*

During the year everyone receiving this gets prayed for still by name at least once for each letter, so please request prayers about anything going on or others you know with needs whenever you'd like to have something special offered.

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