



Enjoying the Process



To Enjoy the Process We Will Need to:

Mark 4:9-12 (NIV)

[9] Then Jesus said , “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.” [10] When he was alone, the Twelve and the others around him asked him about the parables. [11] **He told them, “The secret of the kingdom of God has been given to you. But to those on the outside everything is said in parables**

[12] so that, “they may be ever seeing but never perceiving, and ever hearing but never understanding; otherwise they might turn and be forgiven!”

Principle #1 - v. 11

> there are 'Secrets of the Kingdom'.

Principle #2 - v. 12

> Some get the 'Secrets', others don't.

#1) It is possible to NOT

- get things
- understand things
- see what we need to grow
- flow in wisdom like we should

> Because it's being spiritually / emotionally blocked from us.

#2) Or, get it, but back away because of the change that will take place if we do what we now see.

Getting it / not getting it / seeing it / not seeing it.

a. Has Spiritual / Emotional / Soul roots.

b. Spiritually it can come from 2 sources:

- God (Like with the Israelites in Mark 4)

- Satan (2 Corinthians 4:4; 1 John 2:11)

However: from God's perspective: everyone is supposed to see / get / understand the 'Secrets of the Kingdom' that pertain to their lives.

Mark 4:22-25 (NIV)

[22] For whatever is hidden is meant to be disclosed, and whatever is concealed is meant to be brought out into the open. [23] If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear."

The Main Point is:

'We determine, (Not God) how much we will see and understand about the 'Secrets of the Kingdom' that pertain to us.

[24] "Consider carefully what you hear," he continued. "With the measure you use, it will be measured to you—and even more. [25] Whoever has will be given more; whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him."

#1) We will need to SEEK THE THINGS OF GOD to Get / See / Understand the 'Secrets of the Kingdom'.

**#2) Before we can get it / understand it > we need to SEE IT.
(Seeking brings Seeing / Revelation)**

#3) WE will MEASURE OUR LIFE ACCORDING TO what we see, or don't see.

**#4) GOD DESIRES FOR US TO SEE IT / GET IT / UNDERSTAND IT,
AND MEASURE IT CORRECTLY.**

**God is AS concerned with Teaching and Training us as
He is with blessing us.**

Learn to Enjoy That Process (Our Attitude).

It Will Never End in our Lives.

The Process Prepares us for the Blessing.

> In the Process is the Training, Renewing.

> In the Process is the Change.

Mark 4:23-25 (NKJV)

[23] “If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear.” [24]

Then He said to them, “Take heed what you hear.

With the same measure you use, it will be measured to you; and to you who hear, more will be given. [25]

“For whoever has, to him more will be given; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him.”

(G3358) - "Measure"

"an apparently primary word; a measure ("metre"), literally or figuratively; by implication, a limited portion (degree):-- measure."

G3354) - "Measured"

"from 3358; to measure (i.e. ascertain in size by a fixed standard); by implication, to admeasure (i.e. allot by rule):--figuratively, to estimate:--measure, mete."

Principle:

We don't need more Faith, we need to correctly use the Faith we've already been given as a human being.

Romans 12:3 (NKJV)

[3] For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.

Scripture speaks of:

- Great Faith
 - Little Faith
 - Lack of Faith
 - No Faith
 - Strengthened in Faith
 - Weak in Faith
 - Weakening in Faith
 - Faith Growing
- But it never speaks of getting MORE Faith.

We Measure according to what we Believe.

What we Believe, determines how we Measure.

James 1:2-4 (NKJV)

[2] My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, [3] knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. [4] But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

James 1:4 (AMP)

... so that you may be [people] perfectly and fully developed [with no defects], lacking in nothing.

1 Peter 1:6-7 (NIV)

[6] In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. [7] These have come so that your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire —may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

Mary says it this way:

All crisis demands change.

All change demands decisions.

All decisions need Options.

Without options - there is no hope.

We've been taught that life success is measured by our comfort level.

a. Therefore we do everything we can to get out of uncomfortable / difficult situations.

b. It's Demonic at its core.

Scripture teaches that as we handle discomfort/
difficulty / trials / things that pain us - as we handle
them correctly:

a. That will ultimately produce true success and
comfort.

b. It's Godly at it's core.

#1 - We need to be willing to enter:

- > uncomfortable
- > difficult
- > painful

- areas of our life.

#2 - We must be willing to change:

- > What we Believe / Faith**
- > Which will change how we Measure Life**
- > Which will change how we Live**
- > Which will change what is being Produced in our Lives.**