

“WHOSE BUSINESS (LIFE) IS IT ANYWAY?”

THE PATH OF TRUST

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You will find this paper useful IF you have ever:

1. Struggled with the results life is giving you.
2. Worked so hard your eyeballs bulged and still couldn't get where you wanted.
3. Didn't work hard and still have no idea what to do!
4. Planned, planned, planned only to have everything come tumbling down.
5. Been consumed with FEAR about what might happen.
6. Sought true peace in your life and business.

The Concept:

We all have a choice as to whether we believe in something bigger than ourselves, something other than self or NOT. I call this living in something bigger “God” but you can choose your own word. If you don't believe in God then you can probably stop reading now.

If you do believe in God, are you willing to turn over “the outcome” of your business and life to this God? If not, again you can probably stop reading. But before you bail, how is this believing in God but maintaining personal responsibility for the outcome working for you anyway? If it isn't working KEEP READING.

If you are still reading then you are looking for more. Is it possible the peace and abundance we all look for lies NOT in working harder but in TRUSTING more?

But TRUSTING in what?

Here's the idea: the God we love and serve is actually better able to handle the outcomes of our lives than we are. He will actually produce a more meaningful, impactful and rewarding life than we can. But if He is handling the outcomes of our life what is our part? Well we *could* stop worrying and simply do “our part”. Do what our chosen path is showing us. Meaning we do the work, God provides the results (it's really a pretty good deal).

Yes we must choose to spend time experiencing our God (hanging out with Him). But that's not all. There's more we must DO. But DO what? SERVE. Serve those Intersections that are in our path. For details on the God Intersections concept see our "GodIntersections" eBook (www.godintersections.com). As we serve the Intersections of our lives we begin to see a path forward.

But what about worrying how our businesses and lives are turning out? Remember we turned our business and lives over to God. No more worry or concern! We simply do our part in serving the Intersections and let God do His part in producing the results. Sound crazy? Not if we believe that our God actually loves us and has our best interest in mind NO MATTER WHAT. You have to dump the idea of a conditional God – One whose love depends on your performance. If you can come to that place you can have the peace and abundance you seek. (If you need help here I recommend Wayne Jacobsen's book "He Loves Me!").

Notice I never talked about the outcomes turning out the way *we wanted*. If it is God's business then we have to let Him determine the outcomes. Can we believe He won't screw up our business or life? How do we get okay with that?

Remember He loves us unconditionally and forever. Our CHOICE is whether to TRUST Him or not. Most choose the path of CONDITIONAL TRUST (we say we trust God but we still worry ourselves sick about the outcomes). The path of Conditional Trust takes us to the overwhelming stress and strain of being responsible for the outcomes of our lives in this ever more complex and uncertain world.

Not interested in that. Go ahead give TRUSTING GOD a wing and let us know how it goes at www.godintersections.com.

My Story (we all have a story):

After spending 28 years in corporate America I was "asked to leave". Immediately I started to freak about how to replace all that nice salary. As I spent time with my God (yep I believe) I got this thought "I *could* TRUST God". But I had no idea how to do that. As I asked questions of my God, read and experienced Him it occurred to me that if my life and business were really His responsibility then He had to create the Intersections that would guide and direct me. The first significant series of Intersections on the journey are documented in my God Intersections eBook (www.godintersections.com). As I started working with Bill Heitzman building my Leadership Productivity Forum membership, I began contacting friends and business associates. In a conversation with Nick Russo, a friend, Nick commented that it was too bad I hadn't called a week earlier because he had just signed up with a business coach. We all know the feelings that accompany that kind of news. Rather than wallowing in self pity I asked Nick a strange question "can I have the name of your new coach – I would like to meet him". I'm not sure what I was thinking as I normally would never ask to meet a "competitor". But I did and that led me to meeting Mike Lucero. Mike is a wonderful God guy who has forgotten more about Internet

Marketing and leveraging Intellectual Property than I will ever know. Initially all I did was enjoy getting to know Mike (honoring the Intersection).

Several months later I was having a big pity party at the end of a difficult week of cold calling, warm calling, pushing my business anyway I knew how. Nothing seemed to be working. I called a friend, Greg Kost, and made him have lunch with me on a Friday in February. At the end of my tale of woe Greg looked me straight in the eye and said “so you have decided to stop Trusting God with Leadership Productivity Forum”. It was like someone slapped me (it was God). As I slowly analyzed what had happened I realized I had taken over responsibility for the results/outcomes of Leadership Productivity Forum .

Back in my office after lunch I vowed to stop all the busy work and simply ask God for a direction. After all *if* it was His business then He needed to provide direction. As I pondered my current predicament a thought entered my head. “Write down the God Intersection idea”. So I did. But then what was I to do?

So I shared the idea with Mike Lucero. He applied his expertise and a website was born (www.godintersections.com). I did the work to bring up the website and write the content and now I have a whole new voice for business owners. I have no idea where this is going BUT it is going and has kind of a mind of its own (God’s mind). I simply honor the Intersections and do the resulting work. People are being impacted. And God is managing the outcomes☺

Conclusion

As we learn to live in the space where our businesses (and lives) are God’s not ours, the worry, stress and pressure melts away. It is enough to simply love and honor the Intersections in our lives each day. As I do that, the path forward becomes clearer and my life more abundant.

Finally, in the interest of full disclosure I find my truth about God and His love through the teaching of Jesus Christ. Having tried other approaches, I find this revelation of God’s love for me and what it means to live loved has been extraordinarily useful. Best wishes on your journey.

Post Script

“Whose Business Is It?” is a concept developed by Mark Miller and explored via Leadership Productivity Forums. Leadership Productivity Forums are facilitated monthly advisory meetings of business leaders with a goal of:

1. Improving our businesses
2. As we improve ourselves
3. While we learn to TRUST God with our businesses.

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