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Always Stirring Things Up

Lessons From Left Field

By Pastor Jon Cordeiro

Out of Left Field

Interesting how after hanging around someone long enough, you start to know how they think, what they're going to say and if they're going to like what you're serving. The disciples hung out with Jesus for a good long while. Chances are they were caught off guard a few times more than what are described in the Word. Look at Peter. One minute he's getting praised for receiving downloads from God and the next moment chastised for thinking like the

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Please join us in welcoming our newest arrivals:

- Timothy Ladd Jan 19, 2016
- Clint Grant Jan 27, 2016
- Josue Perez dela Paz Feb 9, 2016
- Charles Jones Feb 18, 2016
- Raul Sanchez Feb 29, 2016
- Wendel Rapp Mar 9, 2016

Pray that our recent graduates will walk in their God-given talents for His glory:

- Joseph Isbell Dec 29, 2015
- Devin Collins Mar 10, 2016



Leave it to God to keep stirring things up. Isn't just like our loving Father to always want the best for His children? Now sometimes, perhaps you can identify, this means calling us out of our comfort zone.

This quarter, Pastor Jon and Chuck are switching by-lines for their articles. Chuck will be trying his hand to draw from the Father's heart and Pastor Jon will join us from left field.

After reading this issues articles, you might conclude that each needs to stick to what he's best at. This may be true but it never hurts (unless pride gets in the way)

From the Father's Heart

By Chuck Bittrick

Crying Out For Freedom

Numbers 14:2-5 says, "And all the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron: and the whole congregation said unto them, Would God that we had died in the land of Egypt! Or would God we had died in this wilderness! And wherefore hath the LORD brought us unto this land, to fall by the sword, that our wives and our children should be a prey? Were it not better for us to return into Egypt? And they said one to another, let us make a captain, and let us return into Egypt. Then Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before all the assembly of the congregation of the children of Israel."

I was reading from the scripture above the other day and saw something I wished I experienced more often in my own life. The same God who delivered the children of Israel from Egypt (an analogy to salvation) has invited those He loves into a land of milk and honey (an analogy to deliverance from a life of desert struggle into a life of freedom and overcoming). Their response comes from a fear of the unknown and a distrust of God's character. Instead of believing the Father

for us to grow beyond what we've grown comfortable with.

We are called to be ready in season and out of season. This is in part why God stretches us. Another reason he does this is so we can learn to rely on Him. He designed us to be God-dependent. When we operate within our design, we are at our greatest level of fulfillment.

Our Father in Heaven wants the best for His children so much that He is willing to move us out of our comfort zone and into His embrace. Be stirred, be stretched, and fall into His embrace.

has their best interest at heart, they believe He intends their destruction. As



the people cry out in fear, Moses and Aaron fall on their face. How I long to share that kind of response (seeking the face of God) when I sense the heart of the Father in me cry out for the freedom of His children.

This reminded me of a nightly curriculum class I was attending with our men. The material offered was from someone far more scholarly than I am making the case from Scripture that we, as Christians, are challenged to be aligned with the Kingdom of God. As each man was

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devil. Bam! Right out of left field! Those disciple boys kept trying to put God in a box and He don't fit in any box. One size doesn't fit all when it comes to God. He always seems to have a different, and better, plan than His beloved.

Even Jesus had some out of left field moments. Remember when His mom told Him to turn the water in to wine. Yup, He knows how it



feels to have things come out of left field. He truly can identify with everything we've been through, going through or going to go through. He's been there and done that. Heck, he'll even be there when you get there!

Jesus's mom had a few way out of left field experiences. She had all these supernatural experiences: Messages from angels, virgin birth to the Savior of the world, getting prophetic words spoken over her and fulfilled, seeing her son growing in favor with God and man and doing countless miracles, then, wrongfully crucified. What! Now that's out of left field there, boys. They killed the King of the Jews?!

The expression "out of left field" comes from when Wrigley field was first built. In left field there was an insane asylum so when something crazy or unforeseen happened it was termed, "out of left field." Those who play in left field need to be agile and able to anticipate each

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invited to share how he most identifies with the issue and what he will do to allow God to address that issue, one of the men offered a single Scripture to nullify for himself the entire teaching. His fear of how his life would change if he dealt with this issue or perhaps what God would require of him if he did, motivated him to hang onto the leeks and garlic of Egypt. The heart of the Father in me cried out for freedom for this child of God, but I did not let it drive me to seek the face of the Father on his behalf.

At New Name, we trust in a transforming God who wants the best for His children. We believe He is able to carry us across the Jordan River into a land flowing with the milk and honey of opportunity and a new life operating out of the resources of the Kingdom. So many times we have men here who remain stuck in their junk because they believe, "That's just the way I am." When I hear these words, the heart of the Father in me cries out for freedom for these children of God, but I do not let it drive me to seek the face of the Father on their behalf.

The men at New Name usually come to us with a brokenness they do not realize they have. They come to us believing that the things they struggle with, they must always struggle with, because their humanity demands it. They find comfort in the challenges presented in Romans 7 while seeing the promise of Romans 8 ("There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in

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batters potential. Jesus was definitely qualified for playing left field spiritually speaking. And we all know when anything crazy happened, he was on it.

There are still plenty of worldly things coming out of left field these days. Sadly, we've become so desensitized to so much of it, that it seems normal. No longer does the Church look like the living organism in the book of Acts with supernatural signs, wonders and game changing miracles coming out of the left field of Heaven; impacting whole cities, regions and nations.

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Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me



free from the law of sin and death.") as simply a ticket to Heaven rather than the reality of the Kingdom of Heaven invading earth. We have the promise and the call on our lives to be overcomers (Romans 12:21, 1John 2:13, 1 John 4:4, 1 John 5:4, Revelation 12:11) yet we fear so much whether or not we can actually overcome, that we glory in our struggle; instead of trusting God to give us the strength and wisdom to become victorious. When I see this, the heart of the Father in me cries out for freedom for His children, but I do not allow these cries to drive me to seek the face of our Father on their behalf.

Through his communion with the Father, Moses not only senses the Father's heart for the needs of His children, but also trusts that the Father will be the source of those needs rather than taking those burdens on himself. How I long for a heart like Moses.

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But then again, it ain't over till the...



Fat Lady Sings!

As always...

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