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NEWSLETTER

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## THE SHAKE-UP DILEMMA

PASTOR ANDY

MY ENTIRE IMMEDIATE FAMILY (13 OF US) WERE ALL TOGETHER THIS PAST WEEKEND AND WE DECIDED TO GO TO THE STATE FAIR ON FRIDAY.

MY SISTER-IN-LAW FROM THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS AND HAD NEVER BEEN TO A FAIR – SHE WAS SO EXCITED.

MY NEPHEW HANDLES PIGS IN OHIO FOR 4-H – HE WAS SO EXCITED.

MY MOM HAD ALL 5 OF HER GRANDKIDS TOGETHER FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A YEAR – SHE WAS SO EXCITED.

MY DAD GOT TO VISIT THE PORK TENT – HE WAS SO EXCITED.

I WAS ABLE TO GET THE GREATEST DRINK IN THE WORLD; THE LEMON-SHAKE-UP AT THE SABI-BATI STAND OUTSIDE THE STEER PAVILION – I WAS SO EXCITED. THIS IS THE ONLY DRINK THAT I SAVE THE CUP THEY GIVE YOU FOR THE NEXT YEAR AND BRING IT TO THE FAIR TO GET THE \$3 REFILL. IT PUTS A SMALL SMILE ON MY FACE KNOWING I AM:

- 1) GETTING MY FAVORITE DRINK
- 2) GETTING MY FAVORITE DRINK AT A REDUCED PRICE &
- 3) GETTING MY FAVORITE DRINK AT A REDUCED PRICE WITH RASPBERRY FLAVORING. .ITS MAGICAL.

WE HAD BEEN THROUGH A FEW FOOD STANDS AND PAVILIONS AND WE WERE ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE FAIR AND I NEEDED A REFILL ON THE SHAKE-UP. THERE WAS ANOTHER SHAKE-UP STAND AND DECIDED (AGAINST MY BETTER JUDGMENT MIND YOU) TO GET MY REFILL THERE. I SHOULD HAVE BEEN SMARTER ABOUT THIS BUT I HAD ALREADY PAID AND DIDN'T FEEL RIGHT ABOUT PUTTING A HALT ON THE PROCESS. I TASTED THIS VERSION OF THE SHAKE-UP AND IT TASTED LIKE LEMON WATER WITH SUGAR. IT WAS TERRIBLE. I WOULD TAKE A SIP AND THE SUGAR FELT LIKE SAND IN MY MOUTH.

PSALM 34:8 SAYS, "O TASTE AND SEE THAT THE LORD IS GOOD; HOW BLESSED IS THE MAN WHO TAKES REFUGE IN HIM!"

I THINK WE ALL FALL INTO THIS TRAP FROM TIME TO TIME. IT COULD BE BUYING A KNOCK-OFF TO SAVE A FEW BUCKS, A SONG WITH LOUSY LYRICS, A MOVIE WITH TERRIBLE ACTING, OR WORSE, DOING SOMETHING SPIRITUAL WITH OUR OWN UNDERSTANDING AND FEELING FRUSTRATED STILL.

PROVERBS 3:5-6 SAYS, "TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND DO NOT LEAN ON YOUR OWN UNDERSTANDING. IN ALL YOUR WAYS ACKNOWLEDGE HIM, AND HE WILL MAKE YOUR PATHS STRAIGHT."

SO MANY TIMES WE KEEP GOING TO THE "WELL" OF OUR OWN UNDERSTANDING AND FAVORITISM AND FIND OURSELVES STILL FRUSTRATED WITH WHAT WE WANT. WE SHOULD DESIRE THAT WHAT TASTES GOOD AND THAT ONLY COMES FROM THE LORD.

AFTER BUYING THE LOUSY SHAKE-UP, WE WALKED BACK IN THE DIRECTION OF SABI-BATI AND IT REALLY WASN'T THAT FAR. I COULD HAVE SAVED MUCH FRUSTRATION AND A FEW MORE BUCKS BY GOING TO WHERE I KNOW IT ALWAYS TASTES GOOD.