Getting Stuck on the Step.

There are many dangers in our earthly trek through life. One is that we might get "stuck on a step." By that, I mean in every person's spiritual journey, there are "steps" into a better understanding of God and His word.

One specific danger is that we quit studying the Bible, or simply never studied it deeply in the beginning of our trek. Often, when a person is struggling with family of origin issues, they meet someone who seems very spiritual and has a better marriage than the person's family of origin.

The temptation is to believe, "Since this couple has a better marriage than my parents, they must have a better Biblical doctrine than my parents."
It seems so good, but that approach is never a good road to God's truths.

Truth is truth. If a wonderful person believes it, it is still true. If a terrible person believes it (or not), truth is still truth. Often Satan tempts us to "feel free" and "cast off the heavy burdens of past beliefs. That often ***is*** a good path. But often it is not.

Ask yourself deeply, "Why do I believe what I believe? Am I "stuck on a step?" Some possible answers:

Belief by generation: "My parents said so, and I believe it."

Belief by friendship: "My close friends believe it, and they are nice.

Belief by attitude, "That just doesn't seem like a friendly enough doctrine for my generation, so I guess I won't believe it."

Belief by loving family, "This family seems happier than my family of origin, so I am going to believe what they believe."

Belief by church association, "That church has some unfriendly people in it, so I'm not going to believe what they believe," or vice-versa).

Belief by culture, "That church seems out of step with modern thinking, so they can't be right."

Belief by popular, or well-known religious figure.

If we are not careful, we will decide who or what is right by almost anything ***other than*** "But what does the Scripture say?" (Romans 4:3; Galatians 4:30) Other approaches can ***sound*** so good. Modern ideas can ***seem*** so true (exactly because each of us is a product of our own ***modern age).***

Ask yourself again, deeply, honestly, "Why do I believe what I believe?" I pray that the answer is, "Because God said it in specific verses." God did ***not*** give us a book we cannot understand. "…when you read, you can understand my insight into the mystery of Christ." -Eph. 3:4. Let's read!

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