

Monday, September 24 - *“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined.” (Isaiah 9:2)* Can you blame someone who unknowingly walks in the darkness and falls into a hole or bangs into a wall? Of course not. You can't hold someone accountable for what they don't know. Can you blame someone who knowingly walks in the darkness and falls into a hole or bangs into a wall? Of course you can. You can hold someone accountable for a conscious choice that they have made. Now, apply this reality to you. Are you making the choice to walk in darkness? Do you continue to fall into holes or bang into walls? Have you been claiming ignorance of the darkness, thus affirming the comfort you find in the familiarity of insecurity? Are you denying the light that allows you to follow a different path in your life? Remember, security isn't about control, it is about who you are following.

Tuesday, September 25 – *“Thus says the Lord: What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves?” (Jeremiah 2:5)* How do you want to be remembered? Do you want to be remembered as someone who went far away from God? Do you want to be remembered as someone who went after worthless things and became worthless? Even the worst part of ourselves would rage against this possibility. We desire many things, but being considered worthless is not one of them. Even the worst person in the world wants to be seen as having some sense of value. These words came to a people who had lost their way, who lived as if they didn't need God. A people who looked around at all their blessings and began to worship their own intellect, accomplishments and progress. Sound familiar? Remember, security isn't about control, it is about who you are following.

Wednesday, September 26 – *“Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?” (1 Corinthians 15:55)* Death is so much more than simply the end of life. Death is life's process of no longer being. You began the process of death the moment that the first cell reproduced in your mother's womb. Life is a journey of death and life, life and death. The moment you are no longer able to fit your entire body inside of a sleeping bag, thus making a cave for protection, a piece of your childhood dies. The moment you have to give up your car keys, a piece of your adulthood dies. The control that we seek in life, called security, is an evolutionary process of coping with the reality of death. Thus, if death loses its sting and has no victory there will be no need to strive to control everything in your life. Remember, security isn't about control, it is about who you are following.

Thursday, September 27 – *“The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?” (Psalm 27:1)* The pursuit of security in this world flows directly out of our fears. That is why it is so natural for people to seek as much control as they can. It is natural to imagine that the more control I can exert over my life and surroundings, the greater sense of security I will experience. The flaw in this hypothesis is found in the physics. The tighter I squeeze, the greater the dispersion of what matters. The greater the dispersion of what matters, the less security that I experience in my life. The less security that I experience in my life than causes me to squeeze even tighter and the viscous cycle starts all over again. Once the fear is gone, the need to squeeze so tightly is gone. Once we stop squeezing so tightly we truly find security. Remember, security isn't about control, it is about who you are following.

Friday, September 28 – *“Do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God: I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.” (Isaiah 41:10)* Do you believe this verse? It is this simple and it is this complicated. Your security is found in your relationship with God based on a faith in Jesus. Your security will never be found in anything that you can achieve. Your security will never be found in material wealth or the provision of basic needs. Your security will never be found in any amount of control that you can exert in your life. Your security has always been and will always be found in your relationship with God through a faith in Jesus Christ. Jesus came to make this relationship right, to put us back on solid ground with God. Jesus came to provide us, once and for all, with the security that we so desperately seek. Today, the choice for you to make is if you believe it or not. Remember, security isn't about control, it is about who you are following.

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