

Rediscovering God in the Workplace

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One classic hymn resonates the reality about our life as Christians and pilgrims in this temporal world, when sang with conviction, it astonishingly becomes comforting as it proclaims this endless truth:

“This world is not my home I am just a passing through”*

However, these powerful echoes that convict us of the reality of God and our mission, fade in the background as the sound of the demands of this world becomes dangerously louder, drowning us in a cycle of exhaustion and despair, while we dance joylessly to the beat of ticking time bombs called deadlines. Our prayers become too hasty as if saying “God I am too busy today, I am in a hurry, can we do this some other time?” and God becomes the last person we consult or is simply forgotten because we are gradually swamped by worldly affairs. It is preposterous indeed to think that God is at the mercy of our timelines. However, we can still witness God’s provision and grace amidst the stressful commutes and endless workloads. The reality of His existence and the depth of His love and mercy is not dependent on our circumstances but on the prevailing character of God. He knows that while we live in this world, we can get easily entangled by the mundane and daunting tasks inherent to our jobs. Christ foreknew what it will cost us to follow Him and so we can find great comfort with the solemn words of Jesus to His disciples:

“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world, you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world”-John 16:33

Christ knew the state of our hearts and the same peace and assurance He gave to His disciples as they embark on a mission that will cost them everything including their very lives, still reassures us today. Our work is just a backdrop to the major focal point to which we direct all our endeavors, His glory, and His honor alone. He cares for us too much that He reveals himself to us by reminding us that our job is a blessing and our workplace is part of our mission field.

“Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows”.-James 1:17

The strength to fulfill and complete every project is due to God’s grace. We can only do so much as He allows us, and so every time we are able to open our eyes, breathe, and walk to work, it is proof that His mercies are new every morning.

*“But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world and we can take nothing out of it”-
1 Timothy 6:6-7*

While we toil and labor in accordance with God’s will, let us remember always that God is at work and He never sleeps for our sake. As God constantly reveals Himself to us and as we get to see a clearer vision of His purpose, we can confidently sing with the Psalmist:

*“I lift up my eyes to the hills, where does my help come from?
My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.
He will not let your foot slip, he who watches over you will not slumber”- Psalms 121:1-3*

* Words and music by Albert Edward Brumley October 29, 1905 – November, 15, 1977