OBEDIENCE HAS A DIFFERENT CONFIDENCE

In my short tenure as a working adult thus far, I have discovered an ingredient vital to our willingness to act. This ingredient is that of confidence. It's the difference between your first day on the job and your hundredth. This is why we have such a difficult time with uncertainty, because uncertainty is simply a lack of confidence.

This is why, when God called me to walk away from a path of certainty and clarity, a path filled with acclaim and understanding in order to pursue an undefined path that was difficult to explain, I shuddered. How would I succeed? How would I make money? How would I explain this to my friends and family? What I did not understand at the time is that God won't give us those answers until we obey. It took me a number of months spent in prayer and facing these uncertainties head on before I was able to take a leap of faith and a particular lesson I learned during this time was that obedience to God requires confidence of a different currency.

As a somewhat intelligent, cool, calm and collected legal practitioner I was confident in many things. I was confident in my ability to enter a court room with no information and escape unscathed and my client unharmed. A confidence bred in the consistency of such occurrences. I was confident that I could solve problems and fill in forms correctly. Your confidences might be the same, they might be slightly different. Either way our confidence generally comes from consistent behaviours. We have a firm grip on all the parameters and everything that can go wrong. We have a lifetime's experience in dealing with these situations. What happens though when you are called to a situation wherein you have little or no control? When God calls you to show a different confidence – a confidence in Him. What happens when you are called to a situation which if you're wrong spells disaster for you and your family?

There is a great Biblical truth to being called to act in a way that would spell disaster if you are wrong. However it should be our very conviction that God is not wrong that is to be our confidence in those moments. You see, there is a shift in focus when we pursue God. A shift away from a confidence in ourselves or those we know but a confidence in the almighty God. On a daily basis it is our preparation, our experience and our abilities which give us confidence. However for those of us who are called to live a life of devotion, a life of being set apart, our confidence is in our trust that God is never wrong.

I am blessed and overcome by gladness that I can report after months of wrestling with each day I have been able to trust God, that He is never wrong, enough to depart with my future for His sake and how glorious obedience to Him is.

I encourage you to find your confidence in the fact that our God is never mistaken. He calls us to Good work and ministry and we would do well to trust where He has called us to.

