

## WHERE ARE YOU?

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“When the cool evening breezes were blowing, the man and his wife heard the LORD God walking about in the garden. So they hid from the LORD God among the trees. Then the LORD God called to the man, “Where are you?”” (Gen. 3:8-9, NLT).

We know the story of Adam and Eve’s actions after they ate the forbidden fruit. Following their disobedience (i.e., sin), they hid from God when they heard Him walking in the garden. As I have pondered their actions of hiding from God, I ask myself, “Am I hiding from God?”

There are many ways in which we can hide from God. We can become so busy with work and the fast-paced life we live that we do not have time for God. When our daily lives have become too busy for God, we have left Him out and we have adopted a lifestyle that, in essence, hides us from God. In any ministry, we can become so busy with going and doing that we forget the most important part – a personal lifestyle and relationship with our Lord. If we do not have a personal relationship with Him, then we cannot know His heart or where He would want us to go. Without that personal relationship, all of our going and the doing is misdirected. We should never confuse busyness for a relationship with God. We can be in all of the right places and say all of the right things, but if we do not have a personal relationship with Him, then it becomes empty. It becomes us leading ourselves, not God leading us. We can be part of his family, but hidden from Him.

In verse 9, God asked Adam an interesting question. Obviously, God knew where Adam was. That call comes ringing clearly through my spirit. “Where are you,” can mean, “where are you physically,” but it can also mean, “where are you with your relationship with God.”

God asks you, and He asks me that same question. Am I (are you) trekking through life without the wisdom and the leading of the Holy Spirit? This would be a good time to take a few moments to make sure we’re connected with the Spirit of God to know that He really is the One that is in control. He is the One that is (or should be) directing our footsteps. I encourage you to take the next few moments and answer the question, “Where are you?” If you are not where God wants you to be, then ask Him to put you physically and spiritually in the center of His will.

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