

Am I the Reason?

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How many times when you don't understand what is happening in your life do you think of the song – "We will Understand It Better By and By?" I started singing that song today as we were driving in the car and thought – "Am I the reason that God isn't moving to answer prayer in someone else's life?"

I know God is in **control**. Yes, one day I will understand those things I don't understand today. At that point I will have the whole picture of how God used circumstances and situations to perfect His people. I am just a small, tiny piece/part in this whole picture. God uses circumstances and situations to move the pieces of the puzzle, if you will allow me to refer us as simply a piece of God's larger puzzle/plan, to where God desires each piece to be to complete the plan He has designed. Remember, His Word says... *"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts."* Isaiah 55:8-9

In God's attempt to put me where I need to be to perform the **HIS purpose** in my life, could I be the reason that . . .

- Someone isn't healed, because I haven't prayed?
- Someone isn't saved, because I haven't shared the 'Good News' of Jesus with them?
- Someone hasn't learned to depend upon God and know Him for themselves, because I have been their supply instead of allowing them the opportunity to lean upon God?

Yes, God wants to use me to be a conduit for His Power to work through; however, God **does not** want me to become their god or try to make other people into what I think would be best for them. **God** has a plan! He doesn't need my input for changing, altering, or making the plan happen. **His plan** is the **best plan**.

My purpose is to simply do the Kingdom Work on the Earth. In order to do the Kingdom Work like Jesus did, I **must allow** the Holy Ghost

- to be my teacher so I have God's wisdom in every situation.
- to be my guide so I will walk where God desires for me to walk each day.
- to be in control of my life so I will be open and obedient to Him and allow Him to minister to others through me.

Father, forgive me. Your plan is the best plan. You do have everything under control. I am the one that has picked up that spirit of worry, that spirit of wanting to be in control instead of relying upon you and trusting you.

Jesus, forgive me. You showed me how to do God's Kingdom Work. You spent much time in prayer and because of it you knew where God wanted you to be and what God wanted you to do regardless of what others thought.

Holy Ghost, forgive me. You were sent by Jesus to be my helper. I have not asked you for help. You know the mind of God; you know God's plan. I have tried to do God's Kingdom Work without you. I cannot do it without you! That is the very reason Jesus told us He was sending us power that would reside in us. You are that power! Forgive me!

Because of my disobedience to God's Word (either because I have tried to do things on my own to please God or I have not obeyed that small tug to do something), there are people that do not know you personally; there are people that have not received their healing or deliverance; there are people who not walking in peace. Holy Ghost, help me to be obedient, to walk where you direct me, to say what you put in my heart. You know what each person needs. You know what each person is going through. I yield myself this day to you so that I **can be** the reason God's purpose was fulfilled through me! Help me to be that conduit which God can use.