September 2010 update from Ken Millwood

Dear All,

I am pleased to report I have made some small progress on the book. For the past two months I have been focussing on Chapter 3 which is about 'how to depend on God.' This is obviously a pivotal chapter, because if I don't get this right the whole book will miss the mark. In the chapter I concentrate on how Jesus depended on the Father: He said what the Father told Him to say, He did what the Father told Him to do, and He did what He saw the Father doing.

Do you realise Jesus allowed his plans to be changed by circumstances? Not just any old circumstances, but what He saw the Father doing in a particular situation. Take the time when Jesus and his disciples were tired and wanted to be alone, but a crowd of people - 5,000 men (plus women and children) followed him round the lake. When Jesus saw that they 'were like sheep without a shepherd' He had compassion on them, healed their sick, taught them all day and then fed them miraculously with bread and fish. He saw that the Father had led the crowd to follow and gave them what they were really looking for.

The last major draft of this chapter was back in December 2009. As I've studied the life of Jesus especially the Gospel of John, I have discovered new things I didn't know last year, so the chapter now takes a slightly different direction. Instead of a simplistic A, B, C on how to depend on God, it's got a more fluid structure, based on the dependent relationship Jesus had with His Father.

As I expected this all came together while I was away on holiday – 5 nights in Guernsey – so all I need to do now is type up my scribbled notes! The total word count will therefore soon increase to 35,000 again. And for those who will want to know – Yes, I had a great time in Guernsey. The weather was mild and cloudy, some rain, but the few times the sun came out it was gorgeous. I spent most of the time walking, reading, doing Suduko puzzles and watching the snooker on TV – very relaxing.

Thank you for your continued interest in what's happening with the book. The next update will be sent in early December.

Kind Regards,

Ken

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