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*“What is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” Micah 6:8*

Much of our Christian life could be described as trying. Not the “severely straining the powers of endurance” kind of trying, though there are those times. The “to make an attempt at” trying.

We try to be a better Christian, try to serve more faithfully, try to worship truer, try to give more, try to attend more, try to love more, try to sin less, and sometimes we just try to get by. I wonder if we’re missing the point.

My oldest daughter and I took a walk together the other day to address some of these “trying” things. We had walked for quite a while trying to resolve these issues of trying when it occurred to us that God never tries. He simply is.

If God never tries and we try to get closer to Him through trying, haven’t we essentially excused God from the process? I’m not questioning the validity of the desire to be a better Christian, a more faithful servant, a truer worshiper, etc. I’m questioning our means of attaining it.

I wonder if we need to stop trying and just start being.

I think God wants to be with us. I think He accomplished everything it takes in Christ. I think it is our responsibility to embrace who we are in Him and bask in being with Him in the duration of each moment.

My guess is that in living this way, God will continue to shape us into that better Christian today than we were yesterday. My guess is that in doing so, He won’t have to try.

It was at this point in the walk that I realized that, regardless of the issues, I had just spent a significant part of my day walking hand in hand with my daughter. Oh what joy! The joy of being together. Thank You, Lord.



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