

Dark and Nutty Times

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Someone once said that an oak tree is nothing more than a nut that held its ground. As we strive for stability and strength of maturity in our walk with God we have to remember our humble beginnings. Many of us came to the Lord during a time when things were more than “nutty”.

In some cases, the very earth seemed to be shaking beneath our feet. Everything that we were comfortable and familiar with was no longer working. In fact, we may have discovered that what we’d been accustomed to wasn’t even healthy.

You may be reading this and the things I just mentioned are not a past tense situation. Circumstances and situations feel nutty - now. People want more from us than we can deliver. We want to accomplish more in a day than we have time for.

...Or maybe we have plenty of time. Since we just can’t seem to get motivated to act upon the things we aspire to, time seems to loom like a large obstacle in front of us and so... we’re bored with life.

...Or maybe we’ve had the emotional wind knocked out of us and we feel like we’ve been left wounded on the side of the road.

I understand. Life can be so “crazy”. In the midst of our circumstances sometimes God seems almost non-existent. We can’t see His hand moving around us. We can’t hear his voice speaking to us.

Nevertheless - our faith is being challenged to reach for Him. Like the nut of an acorn that is buried under the dark dank soil, reach for the sun of God’s love and grace. I know you may not be able to see it. That’s the way it is when you’re buried.

Just like the power and energy of the sun calls forth something in the acorn that reaches through the darkness of the dirt, God’s love is calling forth something in us. Through the darkness of your situation, no matter how nutty it is - reach.

Reach... The light of God is on the other side of the darkness calling you. He wants to transform you from a life resembling a wee buried nut, to a life of faith, strength and stability that resembles the strong and mighty oak.

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