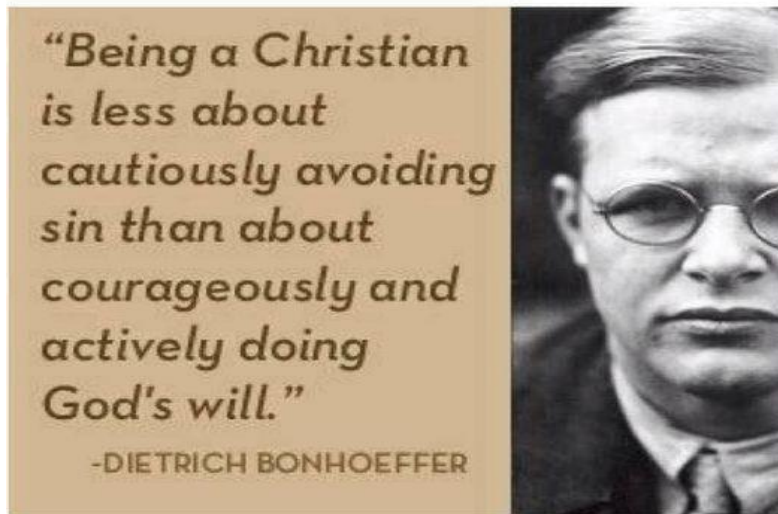


Reflection



This is one of my favorite quotes, but it always leads me to the question “How do I know the will of God?”. Most spiritual scholars will immediately answer that we find God’s will through prayer. Henri Nouwen says that prayer must be with open hands...ready to accept his will. Max Lucado expands on that and says *“To know God’s will, we must totally surrender to God’s will. Our tendency is to make God’s decision for him. Don’t go to God with options and expect him to choose one of your preferences. Go to him with empty hands...”*

But God’s will is rarely obvious, so persistent prayer is necessary. Perhaps this persistent prayer is as important as the “answers”. The walk together, if you will, allows us to be in His presence and alert for any signs. I do believe God is very much present in this crazy, broken world. But, the noise and constant draws for our attention make it very difficult to see and hear Him. Walking together, with our empty hands open, puts us in a spiritual stance to block out the world’s messages and distractions and focus on Him.

Blessings,
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