

A Great Day in the Kingdom – 6/9/23

Have you ever walked into a restaurant, only to be informed that there will be a 45- minute wait? At that moment, how do you feel? Sometimes our response depends upon different variables and circumstances we have recently experienced.

Not long ago, I was having lunch with a friend. It was my day off and we planned to meet up, simply to catch up with each other's lives. There was going to be a long wait, as one of the cooks had been injured, and the establishment was operating with one person in the engine room. The man in front of us was not at all pleased to wait. Everyone needed to know it! Ever been around someone like that dude? At that moment, I did not care for him, as he was annoying, obnoxious, rude, loud and opinionated. On top of these factors, he was from a state I did not care for.

My friend and I took advantage of the time, while this guy brooded and left. I was glad. He acted like a jerk. Everyone around him was well aware of who and how he was and where he was from. I caught myself judging, disliking, devaluing and marginalizing. Immediately, a scripture convicted me. Those times are very uncomfortable and humbling for me.

Romans 12:2, Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

I don't know what was going on in that gentleman's life, but I am in no place to judge. There is no telling what he was going through... as I did not care. Well, the Grace of Jesus Christ we should offer involves not conforming to this world. It was time to pray about those times that while being blessed, I threw tantrums, maybe not out loud, yet they were still occurring. God still Loves me anyway. Praise God!!!

PRAYER: Heavenly Father, Thank You for all of those times when I am ungrateful, forgetful, self-centered and simply conformed to this world, yet You Love me. Your Kingdom's growth on Earth depends upon us offering Christ in thought, word and deed. Help us to do all three. Lead us, through the Holy Spirit into Your will and Your way. In the name of the Risen Christ Jesus, I Pray! AMEN!!!