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“[L]et your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.” Matthew 5:16

Many years ago, Max Lucado wrote a book entitled “When God Whispers Your Name.” Although the book is very good, the title had a greater impact on me than anything he wrote in this particular book. The title spoke to me because I’ve always imagined that God speaks to us in whispers. Whispering can be a very intimate and personal way of conversing with one another.

God whispers to us.

God gently nudges us.

After we hear God’s call, sometimes (after the fact) it feels as if we’ve been struck by a load of bricks. But for me, the actual call of God has always been gentle whispers. I have responded but not in the timeliest ways.

Regardless of when or how, God always took my answer and made it good.

At most every church I have served, I have had weekday services at an assisted living facility. During one of my sermons, a regular member of that congregation interrupted my sermon – that rarely happened. On this occasion, I was speaking about listening to God and having the courage to do what God is calling you to do. The gentlemen who spoke up said “What’s the problem! God tells you to do it – you do it.” For many of us, it’s not that easy. Often, we let fear keep us from doing the things that God is nudging us to do.

By my calculations, we are probably about fifty percent through this pandemic time in our lives.

I can already imagine a time when I’m going to say “Why didn’t I do this or that when the world was shut down and I had more time to do things?”

I hope that part of this forty days journey has allowed you to step back from the minute-to-minute headlines of doom and gloom and spend time with God. I pray that you’ve been able to consider what God is calling you to do now or once the threat of the virus is greatly reduced. What is God whispering? How is God nudging you?

In his letter to the Ephesians, Paul reminds us that “once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light.” Paul urges us to “Live as children of light-for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true.” (Ephesians 5:8-9)

This is a statement of God's faith in us and God's hope for us. God's faith that we won't get overwhelmed by the transitory nature of this earthly world and forget the godly things of this world. God's hope that we will remember that we live in an abundance of light and not the scarcity of darkness.

God is whispering to us during the times we are in the dark and in the light. Do you join the conversation?

Join the conversation with God and “let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.” Matthew 5:16