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## **Our Copernicus Moment**

The first 30 years of my life were always spent in confusion as to who God was. The genie God of my imagination would never quite match up to the God I read about in the Bible. And I had NO idea what to do with the cross and with Jesus. I never admitted that of course, but it was always staring at me whenever I sat quiet enough to listen to Truth. All I knew was that I truly didn't know anything about God and even worse, I didn't know where to find the answers. Everywhere I looked in the church only confirmed that I was the center of the world and God merely existed to assist me in my journey. Needless to say, I had a very self centered genie God theology, so I never knew what to do with the Cross. I knew I had come to a couple of wrong conclusions, but I didn't know HOW totally wrong every single thing was. After I read "The Normal Christian Life" for the 4th time it was like one little sliver of light came in. And you all know what that one sliver does. It shows you how the little bit of Truth you THOUGHT you might have had is really just the tip of the iceberg of every single thing being completely wrong. It was all worthless.

It's like the story of Copernicus. Up until his discoveries, the church and scholars believed that the sun revolved around earth. It was a perfect man centered belief. Nobody challenged it and they built theology and science around the concept of man being the center of creation. But I'm sure Copernicus was shocked and elated when he discovered that they had it all wrong. He was about to challenge the Church's fundamental belief that God created the heavens to revolve around His most prized creation - man. The church at that time made every effort to silence Copernicus for if what he says is true it completely changes the entire field of Physics and it turns Christianity upside down. Who would have thought that God actually created our entire solar system to revolve around the sun? That that was his true crowning glory in all of earthly creation? Think about how much God put into the shadow we call the sun. Every living thing depends on it for food, heat, and light. The sun balances the seasons, gives us day and night, is necessary for photosynthesis, etc. I LOVE how He set it up this way in the natural. And I LOVE how our heart has to go through this eye-opening, turn my life upside down moment when we see what Copernicus discovered in the early 1500's. That we are NOT the center of the world. Never were. Never will be. The Son has always been the true center of creation. The church today doesn't want to hear it anymore than they did 500 years ago, but it is the same truth everyone must get hit in the side of the head with.

It was the most freeing moment ever when I was hit with this reality 4 years ago. I saw self behind every motivation, thought, agenda, and goal and I saw that that has been

forever rejected at the cross and put away completely. Then I saw that what I called "my life" never made it to the other side of the cross. Not one part of Adam can fit within the boundaries of Christ. It doesn't belong. It's like trying to mesh two solid objects. No two objects can occupy the same space at the same time (another free science fact there for ya). We can't bring any of US (our flesh) into HIM. They can't abide together. And when we truly see Him, we wouldn't have it any other way. He is so pure, and eternal, and whole that when we are in the light it's almost like He is too sterile for us to try to add our own fingerprints to his wall.

I'm finding that it's only when I'm not in the sterilizing gaze of His Truth that the old or the flesh doesn't seem so dirty anymore. I start feeling sorry for all of buried "trash" and think that there still might be some kind of treasure in there. Especially when other people find it "useful" or call it a "gifting." If what is real in Him isn't the reality I'm living in moment by moment I actually think I start living "my" life again. It's almost like we begin to think again that our problems are our own to figure out, or our daily decisions are just our own to decide upon. After all, they are just earthly.

But I'm seeing more and more that it's living out from the lie to assume that we can do anything at all apart from Him. I feel like these are all cliches, but they are so real to my heart. I see that Truth is all wrapped up into this sphere called "Jesus" and everything outside of that is just vapors or illusions, yet we still try to keep them alive because we think they still define our life. But they don't! Now that our life is hidden in Him, we only have ONE life. One life to live out from. We don't have two lives. There is no going back. Not really. He sees only one life. Only one life made it to the other side of the judgement, the division. There is so much freedom and peace in that reality. It's wrong to even think that we have to "jump" back into Him every time we feel apart. We never really left Him. We only stopped SEEING where we have been all of the time.

And I just saw so clearly that only from this place can we move forward. I felt the other day like I saw a door while I saw myself in Him. Through that door was what you could call my earthly, physical life. I saw all the busyness of raising my children, homeschooling, etc. but for the first time I saw so clearly the invitation (if you want to call it that) to walk through that door only from that place of being in Him. It's not separate from Him, not a distraction from Him, but it's only in that place of abiding in His life that I go forth. And I felt this incredible peace that He will sort out what I cannot see. When we are in the Light it's amazing how easily we can see what He has separated us from and what He has brought us into. It's only when we forget where we are and Whose life we have been given that we can no longer tell the difference.