

Back in the High Life Again

“For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; He will hide me in the shelter of his tabernacle and set me high upon a rock. Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me; at his tabernacle will I sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the LORD.” Psalms 27:5-6

Working at Focus on the Family was one of the greatest experiences of my life. As a member of Dr. Dobson’s staff I received warm attention and respect from most Christians. I knew it would change my life to leave the comfortable embrace of a stable, well-respected ministry. What I didn’t realize is how many of my friendships would be affected and how lonely it would feel initially.

The passage in Psalms 27 was how I felt those while God took the time to “hide me in the shelter of His tabernacle and set me high upon a rock.” In those lonely days of trusting Him, and when my former friends wouldn’t return my calls, God allowed me to look down at the world from a different perspective. I was able to understand that my “clout” had nothing to do with my employer but everything to do with Him!

God doesn’t leave us alone up high for long in these transitions. Within a few days He sent many former Focus employees to comfort me who understood my loneliness. God would later use me to comfort other employees making the same change. For every person that dropped their friendship with me because I was no longer working for Dr. Dobson, ten more were added.

If the Lord is changing your part in ministry to something new or more defined, embrace His will for your life. Maybe He’s leading you to another “season” that doesn’t involve the specific ministry of pregnancy care. Trust His plan for you and praise Him in spite of the trouble you may feel. If you need a friend, I’m here for you!