

A Pastor's Heart

Encouragement from Pastor McGill

Run Your Race!

John 21:21-22 *Peter seeing him saith to Jesus, Lord, and what shall this man do? Jesus saith unto him, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? Follow thou me.*

I believe it's just human nature to inquire about the affairs of others when there are affairs of our own that need tending to. Let's face it human beings are generally nosey by nature. Ever wonder why tabloid television and gossip columns are still in business? We now have Twitter, Facebook and blogging which allows people to stay on top of the latest hot topics and the exploits that occur in the lives of others. Armed with this revelation about ourselves, we must contend with our flesh to control the urge to be nosey. I have not known a nosey person that matured and were fruitful in their walk with the Lord. Why? They are so busy focusing on the lives of others they don't have time to focus on the race that has been set before them. Jesus began to focus Peter on his race and not John's. We all have our own race to run. No one can run our race for us. We must be careful that while we are running our race we do not get distracted, delayed or even stop running altogether. Jesus did not want Peter to get so concerned about John's ministry that he would fail to be successful in his own. I have had to fight this temptation throughout my ministry. I would look at another person's church or success and begin to wonder and say what about us, and when is it our time? There certainly is a time to glean and a time to learn from the success and failures of others. The problem arises when we become preoccupied with another and begin to neglect our own race that has been set before us. I have learned that **wondering** can lead to **wandering**. If you have ever seen a horse race, you will notice that they put blinders on the horses' eyes so that the horse can only see what's in front of them. If the horse begins to see things to the left and the right of them, they could get distracted and never finish the race. I like the response that Jesus gives Peter. In essence He says to Peter, "If I wanted John to be alive when I came back to rapture the church, what difference does that make to you?" It makes no difference to you Peter; focus on what I have called you to do. John has a race that he must run and you have a race that you must run. Stop being nosey and follow me! Today keep the blinders on and run your race. Make it a great day.

Blessings and Peace

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