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GOD'S HIGHWAY

HAPPY NEW YEAR! I wish the very best for each of you in 2010.

The upcoming year is going to be more of a new year for me than for most of you. Things have changed a lot for me, a whole lot. I have been on the CMA national staff in one form or another for the past 25 years. For several months I had been wrestling with what I felt God wanted me to do at this time. After some pretty intense prayer on the matter, I stepped down from my staff position at the end of 2009. I didn't leave the CMA organization. I am still a member in good standing, but no longer a National Evangelist. This was one of the hardest decisions I have ever made because CMA has practically been our whole life for these many years. But, one particular evening as I was praying, it seemed as though God's will became so clear to me that it was almost an audible voice. The human emotions were still very shaky, but in my heart I knew the Lord wanted me to make this huge change at this time, so I did it.

I definitely know He has something else for me to do. I haven't gotten the exact direction on it yet; but I'm going to. I'm praying and asking God for guidance. (I'll ask some of you to pray along with me in this matter) I'm listening for His voice as I read His book, the Bible, written to help me hear and understand Him better. I'm not being passive about this. I have been actively working with, and talking with different people who might be part of the new direction. Just as clearly as He led me in regard to leaving the previous job/ministry, He is going to lead me into a new job/ministry.

To some of you, God is simply an unknowable entity that you refer to with some pitifully weak term like "the man upstairs". I wouldn't have a god who is simply a man upstairs, or some vague impersonal force either, or one who started the world and then backed away from interacting with the people in it. A high percentage of Americans say they believe in a personal god, but very few of them live differently than the ones who say they don't believe in anything. Those people are deceived if their lives are not being radically changed by their god. Some have actually said their god is a light bulb, an earlier man who spiritually evolved into a deity, alien beings who once visited the planet, or the earth itself. I am here to say that God Almighty is exactly who His Bible said He is; omnipotent, omniscient, unchanging, personal, etc. He is very capable of hearing our prayers, speaking words of guidance to us, and working in our lives. You need to know

this truth so in 2010 you won't settle for a god who can't talk or work in your life.

I recently bought a GPS so it can supposedly guide me to some place that I don't otherwise know how to get to. One feature about it was the Bluetooth capability to have my cell phone route through it for hands-free talking while I drive my car or motorcycle. I found a fundamental problem with this specific model. Technically, it was connecting with my phone, but it wouldn't show my phone book entries, so I couldn't call anybody. I called the GPS company several times. One poor example of a service representative (that's as near to cussing as I will get) told me to just open my phone and get the phone number from its memory, then type it onto the GPS screen so it could make the call. I said that is far from hands-free, and if I have to open the phone, and look up the number, why don't I just push one more button and call from the phone. I don't want a Bluetooth GPS that can't do what it advertises. Do you?

Additionally, you don't need a God who can't talk to you, show you guidance or work in your life to provide for you. He isn't shocked or overwhelmed by such an expectation. He is God Almighty, the LORD who sent His Son Jesus Christ on Christmas to rescue us from the eternal penalty of our sin. What a miracle! We just got through celebrating that wonderful day. Also, He made the heavens, the earth and everything in them; so talking to an old biker dude like me or you is no big deal.

He wants us to know Him personally. I don't want a God who can't do what He advertises. Do you? If your god can't do these simple things, I suggest you return him and get the only true One who can, then ask Him what He wants you to do. Do what He says. That will make 2010 a real New Year, and a good one too. Jeremiah 33:3 "Call unto Me, and I will answer you, and show you wonderful and marvelous things that you could never figure out on your own." (The Message Bible)

