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Subject: Consider this...

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Ok, here's the deal (to use a vernacular phrase).

Faith Assembly had 2 pastors (and then 3 pastors) all at one time. Brother Freeman was the "head" pastor no one will deny. Stan Hill (and later along with Jack Farrell) were the associate/assistant (whatever you want to call them) pastors of Faith Assembly. All of these men served by divine appointment and each had unique qualities and abilities that presumably complimented each other in the whole scheme of things that was Faith Assembly.

Who can deny that Stan Hill (and later Steve-to keep the analogy going) represented the Father's heart with respect to His Love, His Mercy, His Grace, His Lovingkindness--in short the Nourisher aspects of God that we sometimes call the feminine side of God--I say that with trepidation in the culture we live in, but hopefully you will understand my meaning. This is the side of God that Jesus reflected when He said in Mat 23:37 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, [thou] that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under [her] wings, and ye would not!

Brother Freeman represented the Father's heart in the other aspects of His nature--the Mat 17:17 aspect-- Then Jesus answered and said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him hither to me.

The part that grabs you by the shirt and says "suck it up and be a man!"

We all gravitated to that aspect perhaps because it was the part that was so neglected in Christian circles--it was refreshing. It was the part that said -- No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.(Remember the Absolutes of Discipleship?) Or to keep it simple and not mix up the Old Testament God/New Testament God metaphors--This is the aspect that told Moses to move aside so He could destroy His children!

Deut 9:13f Furthermore the LORD spake unto me, saying, I have seen this people, and, behold, it [is] a stiffnecked people: Let me alone, that I may destroy them, and blot out their name from under heaven: and I will make of thee a nation mightier and greater than they.

As I said, we liked this because of all the cookie-cutter, kool-aid drinking,(real men drink beer<grin>) nambie-pambies, denominational, ecumenical, lovey-dovey, rot that categorized Christianity.

Now I know that no analogy holds true in all of its facets, so don't go overboard and make too much of what I'm trying to get across here--I know Brother Freeman had the other aspects in his

ministry, but let us face it, He was great in the Old Testament aspects of God's nature <grin>.

Well, guess what? God wanted both aspects of His nature reflected in His children. After brother Freeman passed away, Stan Hill (later Steve) and Bill Garner (who still represents to my mind one who merged these two aspects beautifully) begin to flourish in the aspects of God's nature that had been somewhat veiled to that point. There was a brokenness (in a good sense) that begin to sweep over Faith Assembly and it seemed as though we were on the verge of realizing our lack. But alas, the old guard couldn't stand it (where are they now?) and quenched what I believe was the work of God.

Ok, I'm through rambling... I probably sound a bit crazed. My excuse--sleep deprivation.

Thoughts?

William

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