Subject: Why Is It So Quiet?
Posted by Michael The Disciple on Wed, 17 Oct 2007 05:10:01 GMT
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Literally hundreds of people pass through this board daily! Why are you all not posting? Is practically all who come here just looking for past info on Bro. Freeman?

I love to hear things about him and Faith Assembly positive or negative as long as they are true. But there is much truth to yet be sorted out among those who believe.

Subject: Re: Why Is It So Quiet?
Posted by ump1 on Wed, 17 Oct 2007 17:03:57 GMT
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I was a part of FA through the Lafayette meeting from 1976 to 1984, when I moved away from Indiana for employment reasons. I had attended some FA meetings, but mostly went to Bruce Kinsey's meetings. I have been to Tom Hamiltons, Steve Hills, and Dave Hardy's meetings as well. Getting to know some of the ministers and their wives was a revealing experience. Funny how some of the ministers would preach one thing but live another. Let me preface this story by saying that I am very grateful to Bruce and DR. Freeman for the teaching that I received. I am the dedicated Deciple today because of these men. However, They Taught me to rightly divide the word for myself, and prove that what they teach is the truth and lines up with the Word of God. Ok, so anyway, I had a teacher visit our family to get away from what was going on in Indiana. We were in a vacation state that is very popular in the winter, and dr. Freeman had just passed away, Lafayette was still dealing with Bruce being removed as Pastor. I learned many little secrets of some of the leadership that proved to me that they were just regular folks, not the icons that they were built up to be. I was saddened at the duplicity, but understood it, considering the absolute control Dr. Freeman had. I learned that one was a tremendous Chicago Cubs fan, and would listen to games on a small radio with earphones whenever he cut grass or studied or even just before taking the pulpit to preach if a game was being broadcast at the time. This would not have been received well. The minister that visited us also had their little swares into the world. Ministers wife liked to wear jeans, but could not wear them except in the house or like when they visited us. She went with my wife to buy a swim suit that would not have been acceptable back in Indiana, so she could enjoy the sun during her visit. TVs in the closet, things like that. I thought it quite insightful that many of these ministers under Dr. Freeman did not completely agree with him in private, but only publicly. I hold Bruce Kinsey in high regard for trying to reason with Dr. Freeman on some issues. His treatment for standing up for what he believed was horrible. I could tell you a lot of stories that were related to me by friends when the Lafayette meeting had the big split over Bruce' removal.

Subject: Re: Why Is It So Quiet?
Posted by Michael The Disciple on Wed, 17 Oct 2007 21:41:35 GMT
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Wow interesting.

Subject: Re: Why Is It So Quiet?
Posted by Michael The Disciple on Wed, 17 Oct 2007 22:43:02 GMT
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And what did Bruce believe that HEF did not?

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Posted by ump1 on Tue, 23 Oct 2007 20:42:52 GMT
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Subject: Re: Why Is It So Quiet?
Posted by Believer on Fri, 15 Feb 2008 12:35:55 GMT
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Keep posting everyone. I was challenged by your comments. I don't come here to hear about Hobart Freeman but to read how God is working in the lives of others. 26 years it has been since I have wanted to know what other Christians were doing let alone what other FA members were doing. Bruce Kinsey was someone I never met but heard about 25 years ago as I sat under that teaching. I was saddened to hear about his departure from FA then, but still my compassion for him about his departure was with him. I sent him a letter or was it a card all those years ago seeking to influence him to keep close to the Lord and that he was still with him. I knew that even though he left FA the Lords love was still upon him. Maybe he remembers the card I sent and it encoraged him to never give up on his salvation. I prayed that God keep him safe and well and close to Him as I'm sure many others did too. (I wonder what our Lord does with all those conflicting prayers that I have read others have been lead to pray?) I know I prayed in faith. I do

believe there are higher truths than just the pray of faith and God's will is always done. We often believe we know the mind of God and pray down judjment but is it the mind of God or just our own anger and frustration. ONLY GOD knows hearts and I know that a bruise reed God will not break nor a smoking flax he will not quench. Praise him!

I was blessed to listen to other ministers of God whilst I listened to FA teaching. We can only live the life that we believe God has for each of us. We will all stand accountable for it one day. Our gifts, what ever they are and how often we use them and what we use them for will be accountable to the Lord one day.. I myself am asking my Lord what gifts have you given me and how am I using them. Will I be able to stand before You and say that You lead me to do that?.... and am I using them to bring in Your kingdom. These days I am praying to control the heavenlies to alter seasons, times and happenings. I have begun to exercise that power in the heavenlies. I will be accountable for it one day. I have faith assembly's message on faith that has helped me exercise the faith to do it. I believe I have the faith with God's help to move the heavenlies. I commanded the heavenlies to not rain very heavy over my place...guess what?... it didn't rain as heavy over my place. Once I watched on the weather tracking radar and the rain went in a circle, skipping our place. I was gob smacked. Right before my eyes I could see God was working in the heavenlies for me. Once I commanded it to rain when my dam was dry and it rained. This rain event was so supernatural that I was amazed - a black cloud appeared coming from a different direction where clouds never appear from, and this cloud was all on its own appearing from nowhere, dark and forbodding laiden with rain and it rained right over my dam! Really, right over my dam! Praise God my water issues were met. Days before, I had asked the next door neighbour if I could pump water from their enourmous dam (they had more than they ever needed) because mine was dry and they said no. God was showing me he provides my needs and that he can control the clouds with my prayer of faith. Despite my own efforts to supply my needs He did it. It was truely a magnificient expereience. This was the beginning, some 5 years ago, of what God was showing. He was calling me to use my prayer of faith in the heavenlies. I have begun to use this power as God leads. God is only just beginning to show me the great power He has given to me to bring in His Kingdom. Like Daniel I will move the heavenly bodies for God's kingdom.

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Posted by Derick N. on Fri, 15 Feb 2008 14:24:10 GMT
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a headache or healed a rotten tooth, or someone got salvation than you think you made it rain, but I guess we look for God's presence these days wherever we can find it. The old indians could make it rain as well, so thats really nothing special.

Are you keeping free from sin? Sharing the Word? Studying to show yourself approved unto God?

Anybody with any discernment knows that we are in dead-zone now with precious few clues to God's power in the world. Its my opinion that its a time to quietly stand and wait, but I think I have the mind of the Lord.

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Posted by Derick N. on Fri, 15 Feb 2008 14:29:39 GMT
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Brother Freeman had more anointing in his little toe than Bruce ever had.

To say that Bruce's division from faith was over a sneaker is ridiculous. The parable of the sower and the seed covers Bruce's "ministry" very succinctly. He could not take the heat, so he withered and died like most of the ministry when they got out from under Brother Freeman's shadow

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Subject: Re: Why Is It So Quiet?
Posted by Believer on Fri, 15 Feb 2008 22:22:01 GMT
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I had forgotten how cold and heartless people can be. When my needs (whatever they are) are met by the Lord then I praise Him for that. To have you scorn the way that the Lord met them saddens me. I'm sorry but you didn't understand that there was a drought here and water was as precious as gold at the time. I had animals and gardens to keep. I saw the Lord look after me. It's my walk with God not yours. Your comments did nothing to show me that the critical, hard and unloving attitude that prevailed in those who were under the FA message has changed. Keeping free from sin, sharing the word. I am in God's kingdom not yours or anybody else's. I will walk with Him and He will speak to me about me. Thankfully His nurture and care of me is a lot better than what has been shown here. This is the first time I've got involved with a site like this and it will be

the last. I have better things to do with my time than to have my walk with God riducled so harshly. By this shall you know that you are My disciples by the love you have for one another. My spirit will witness with your spirit that we are the children of God. I was once under that hard critical, unloving atmosphere that I have just felt here. Thankfully I have been removed. May the Lord show you his mercy,love and kindness and may your eyes be opened to see it in the lives of others too and may you be given a heart of compassion to pray for those that don't walk as you walk.

Subject: Re: Why Is It So Quiet?
Posted by william on Fri, 15 Feb 2008 22:40:35 GMT
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Hi Believer,

I hope you don't think that we all are still stuck in the mud. I enjoyed your testimony and hope that you will stick around and see the hearts of some of the others here.

Most of us have attempted to hold fast to the good word we were taught and at the same time lose the rotten attitudes (Hombre and I still need a little work though!<grin>).

At least stick around a while before shaking the dust off of your feet!

Blessings,
William

Subject: Re: Why Is It So Quiet?
Posted by Believer on Fri, 15 Feb 2008 23:17:29 GMT
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Well, that is refreshing to hear. My sheep hear My voice and they listen to Me. I can hear God's voice and I recognize it too because it's gentle, it's loving, it's kind, it rebukes but when He does it's never to trample me under. I have a grandaughter and the Lord's voice is speaking to me about so many things. I've raised 4 kids and now I have a grandaughter. It's like I have the time to see how God feels about us. The nurture and care I have for my grandaughter is nothing compared to what God has towards us. I don't need anyone to tell me if God worked for me or not but what does greive me is that people are so quick to be critical. I can hear God's voice when it comes from others. Thank you for encouraging me to stay. I might. I had so much more to speak

about how God was moving in my life. God saved my daughter 2 years ago. Now isn't that a blessing. I've brushed the dust off some of my old books (and i have many) and begun to read again. Currently I'm reading Alfred Edersheim - The Life and Times of Jesus the Messiah.God is speaking to me in so many ways. One thing that is so plain to me is that in our lives we must be careful that we never loose sight of what all this is about - communion with God through Jesus. We need to be closer to Him and we can. I'm so happy that my bruise heart and broken spirit is being restored to learn more of my God.

Subject: Re: Why Is It So Quiet?
Posted by william on Sat, 16 Feb 2008 00:05:27 GMT
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That's great!

I am currently reading an awesome book called Christ Crucified-72 Sermons on Isaiah 53 by James Durham. It is published by Naphtali Press and it is a bargain at $30. James Durham was a 17th century Scottish preacher... the book is giving a whole new meaning to the phrase "Great Scott!"

I'm looking forward to hearing more of your testimony.

Blessings,
William

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Posted by JWBTI on Sat, 16 Feb 2008 01:03:16 GMT
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Derick:
I haven't heard you give any Testimonys of what God is doing in your life ref the above statement. Must be that Dead-Zone you are in ?

We here in Western Ohio don't have much discernment, just Child like faith in Gods Word.Our little group of 50-60 people
never even heard of FA an or the Glory Barn beside myself.....we are so dumb....we believe, that if the car breaks down we
can lay hands on the thing to make it run ....we believe that God will protect us from storm damage & keep that 60 foot tree
from falling on the house....we believe that God has given us the power To heal the sick.....We even believe that God wants
us to share Dreams & Vision given in the night.....to speak in tongues.....and to tell the sum of the matter.....We have people
stand up every week an share the Wonders of God in their lives..... Cancers healed, Knees restored,Back pain gone,
Salvation of family members,protection from car crashes,God providing- food,clothing,money to pay bills.People sharing
how The Word of God is changing lives an drawing then closer to Jesus.

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Derick:
Sorry about that Dead Zone you are in.....We'll bring that before the Body in prayer, the next time we meet.
Sorry, I can't be quiet either.....got to much to share.....Gods Word !
Wait ? Nope !!!!!!
I must be about my Fathers business !
I KNOW I HAVE THE MIND OF THE LORD ON THAT !

Subject: Re: Why Is It So Quiet?
Posted by grandom on Sat, 16 Feb 2008 01:12:24 GMT
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Bless you Believer for the excellent way that you handled the criticism leveled at you. It was truelly and example of the Love of Christ and the way that He responded if He responded at all and that was with love. We are hungry for examples of faith in action and The faithfullnes of The Lord to honor faith. Sadly when testimonies are posted there is for one thing, a lack of praise to the Lord and secondly it is most often met with what you experienced.
If any body should by now have praise reports it should be the people who received the teachings we received. I to am saddened by a lot of the postings on this site. Forgive me Moulder but some

times I think the site doesnt live up to the name "Overcomers on line".Believer please stick around and bless us with your testimonies. The Lord continue to bless you.

Subject: Re: Why Is It So Quiet?
Posted by Derick N. on Sat, 16 Feb 2008 01:20:22 GMT
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I think I'm going to be ill. Oh wait, thats a bad confession.

Y'all can hold hands and sing cum baya if you want, but the only thing heading our way in America is judgement, not showers of blessings and pink fuzzy bunny rabbits of joy.

Subject: Re: Why Is It So Quiet?
Posted by JWBTI on Sat, 16 Feb 2008 01:40:23 GMT
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Derick, are you going to run away an not play with us any more ?

Subject: Re: Why Is It So Quiet?
Posted by Derick N. on Sat, 16 Feb 2008 02:25:43 GMT
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Ha! Nope I'm afraid you are stuck with me.

However, I guess you have realized by now that I'm not your average bear. The point that a lot of folks miss is that we all have different giftings and ways of seeing the truth. No one gift is more valuable than the other. All are necessary for the growth of the body.

Its hypocritical to "attack" me because I have a different view of things that don't line up with the party line. God took me in a certain path and showed me certain things, fitting and forming me for His purposes as he has all of you.

I never "attacked" beleiver, but I've heard so many of those kinds of "testimonies" in my life, which may or may not be God, but could just be the natural weather pattern, ect. but Believer has to make a point of telling us that hes controlling the heavenlies... ai carumba! Sorry for the rant.

JWBTI so you have a nice little church of 50-60 people? Thats nice. So in reality its maybe 30 that

attend for real and out of the 30 theres 4 heads of household with their women and the rest are children. Pretty close? Don't think I know all about it? Oh I forgot the 2 chronically single girls that are believing for husbands and the one divorced brother that is believing for restoration of his marraige.

Out of the 4 men in the church how many will go to deaths door in a trial of faith? Maybe one? You?

Got the five-fold ministry working in your assembly? No I don't think so. Maybe you have a real pastor if you are fortunate, but more likely is some poor brother that knows a smidgen more about The Word than the rest, but does not have a true calling.

I'll pray for you and yours Brother, because you are in the dead-zone as well and don't have the sense to know it. But maybe when you are all together in the same room making the same noise you can make yourself believe that God is moving in your midst.

Subject: Re: Why Is It So Quiet?
Posted by JWBTI on Sat, 16 Feb 2008 03:58:47 GMT
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Derick,I'am glad you're staying.
I need all the prayers an help I can get.
Next time ya stop by the Fellowship, at least introduce yourself so we know that you where there.
Thanks Brother.

Got any Testimonies for us today ?

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Posted by Derick N. on Sat, 16 Feb 2008 04:04:30 GMT
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Don't be trite Ron. You wanna play cute christian go ahead, but don't play it with me.

Subject: Re: Why Is It So Quiet?
Posted by JWBTI on Sat, 16 Feb 2008 04:30:40 GMT
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Derick wrote:
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Derick,
please tell us what that path an purpose is, so we might better understand you.

Is that being trite & cute ?

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Posted by Believer on Sat, 16 Feb 2008 12:13:24 GMT
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I can see God when He's working in my life and in others too and I know when His love and grace comes into my life and others too.Thanks to those for their encouraging words about my testimony of how God is working in my life. If we wrestle not against flesh and blood but against principalities and wickedness and rulers in the heavens then why is it so strange that the heavens can't be influenced by a believers prayer. All that counts to the Lord is that I saw his hand in looking after my needs and that I gave Him thanks for it. If Jesus could curse the fig tree and it withered then why can't I speak to the heavenlies and see God act and take control. Didn't He say we can cast a mountain into the sea. The point I was making was that God has given power in prayer and that I should use this power of prayer to pray for things as He leads me. If God doesn't answer my prayer then I am no better off than the unbelievers but thanks be to God that He cares for me and supplies all my need and wants me to see Him at work in my life and I do!

Subject: Re: Why Is It So Quiet?
Posted by JWBTI on Sat, 16 Feb 2008 13:00:29 GMT
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Believer,

Thank you for sharing what God is doing today....Amen

1 Thes 5:18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

Hey! we used to sing that at Fa....good song !

Bro Ron

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Hey Believer! I'm sick of all the snow here... can you make it stop please? I'd appreciate it.

I think its approprate the Michael started this thread on the subject of quietness in the forum, but it ends with the subject of the quietness of God. There is a purose in His lack of presence in the world now. It is the quiet before the storm and the silence of the desert where manna is provided in measured doses but little more than judgement awaits.

Subject: Re: Why Is It So Quiet?
Posted by grandom on Sat, 16 Feb 2008 16:05:21 GMT
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From Luke 18:9-14, NIV [1]

To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everybody else, Jesus told this parable: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood up and prayed about himself: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other menâ€”robbers, evildoers, adulterersâ€”or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.' But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.' I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

Subject: Re: Why Is It So Quiet?
Posted by Derick N. on Sat, 16 Feb 2008 16:22:48 GMT
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Typical. Without comment throw some scripture at the discussion that does not even apply.

Subject: Re: Why Is It So Quiet?
Posted by grandom on Sat, 16 Feb 2008 16:45:46 GMT
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Oh I think verse 9 covers it quite well.

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Posted by Derick N. on Sat, 16 Feb 2008 17:29:37 GMT
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grandom wrote on Sat, 16 February 2008 10:45Oh I think verse 9 covers it quite well.

Covers *what* quite well? Grow some cajones and say what you mean.

If you are aiming that scripture at me, you miss your mark by a mile. My confidence is in God and was grown in the garden of humility in the fire of trials.

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Posted by Believer on Sat, 16 Feb 2008 19:23:16 GMT
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Why are you bragging?

You are new here and within 2 posts you are telling us about controlling the heavenlies. I thought it was in poor taste.

I read all kinds of silliness on the web and I tire of it.

Subject: Re: Why Is It So Quiet?
Posted by Believer on Sat, 16 Feb 2008 20:09:12 GMT
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Derrick N,
I'm sharing God's caring hand in my life to meet my needs. Isn't that what we are called to do. To proclaim how God has worked in our lives. Is that what you call bragging? Then if that's what you mean then I'll use your words - I'm bragging about what God has done for me. I might be new to the site but does that really matter? We are certainly encouraged in the Word to test all things and

see if it be of God and it's good to question to see if something is of God. I do it all the time but not so harshly nor to offend my brother. Didn't Jesus himself say not to offend one of these little ones. I'm a child of God and you came very close to doing that but some kind words from Moulder and others assited me to stay and chat. Does it bother you that God isn't quiet here for me? If God has shown you things about judgment and that there is a quiet before the storm.Who am I'm to ridicule you for that. Time will tell if what you have been shown is of God or not. Many will prophesy, see visions, speak in tonques but the Lord will say get away from me for I never knew you. I have prophesied, I speak in tongues so I qualify that part of scripture therefore I had better know Him otherwise I might fit the otherside of the admonition. I'm searching to know my God and if that means He moves the heavenlies to show He's with me then I praise Him for that.

Subject: Re: Why Is It So Quiet?
Posted by grandom on Sat, 16 Feb 2008 20:10:00 GMT
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To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everybody else.

How much plainer can I make it. By the way, Did you actually see Indians causing it to rain??? Or did it happen in a John Wayne movie? And yet you question a sister that believes in the promises of God. Oh and now we need seniority on the net to offer a testimony. The truth. You cant handle the trutn.

Subject: Re: Why Is It So Quiet?
Posted by Believer on Sat, 16 Feb 2008 20:47:59 GMT
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Grandom, Thank you for your support. It made me smile. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. I have heard it explained that the words "shall follow" acutally mean to be persued as in chase after from behind. That's what is chasing me. Praise God it's His goodness, His mercy. Not his judgement, not His condemnation. Yes He chassens but He doesn't judge me that was done at the cross with the Blood of Jesus. How wonderful to be in right standing with God now. I ask if we are children of God then why would we need mercy to follow us? Perhaps because we aren't perfect yet and God knows that. Oh the wonder, oh the love of God. It's so good to be in His wonderful presence and to speak with other people that are His. Where two or more are gathered in His name there He is in the midst. Even though we are on line I believe Jesus is with us.

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Derick:

Thats what I've been asking:

What signs?

Please share them with us....Please....Please....Please

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Actually I just finished 4 years of ministry to a Native tribe in the midwest, and battled spiritual witchcraft from medicine lodge members who oppose the gospel. I've been threatened physically and spiritually many times, and seen the power of the enemy first hand, so no I did not learn from a John Wayne movie.

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I'll pray for you and yours Brother, because you are in the dead-zone as well and don't have the sense to know it. But maybe when you are all together in the same room making the same noise you can make yourself believe that God is moving in your midst.

Ron, you go ahead and address this post, and then I will tell you something. Just don't tell me you are the "Pastor".

The biggest problem with you all is you don't know how lost and miserable you are. We are truly the Laodecean church, rich in material things but poor in His Presence. I mean the real moveof the Spirit, not the namby pamby stuff that passes for the anointing these days.

Subject: Re: Why Is It So Quiet?
Posted by JWBTI on Sat, 16 Feb 2008 23:55:36 GMT
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Derick:
I spoke the truth an you called me a liar.

You said:
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Derick:
Ya got part of that right....I've been there !

Derick said:
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Nope! Not the Pastor....Not my calling.

Derick wrote:
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WANT ADD:
Seeking five-fold ministry to work in our assembly.
Please reply via E-Mail
JWBTI@OVERCOMERSONLINE.COM

Ok now ! Tell me something.

Subject: Re: Why Is It So Quiet?
Posted by grandom on Sat, 16 Feb 2008 23:55:47 GMT
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Derick

Luke6:41

Oh yes thats right. You dont like to look at scripture.

So you spent 4 years with a tribe. Still didnt answer my question. Did you see the indians produce rain.

You accuse us of being lost and yet we look down on you? Rev12:10. At least you cant accuse us day and night

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Subject: Re: Why Is It So Quiet?
Posted by Derick N. on Sun, 17 Feb 2008 01:35:48 GMT
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grandom wrote on Sat, 16 February 2008 17:55Derick

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You don't need an accuser to prove you are stupid.

Ron, I don't get your post. Learn how to multi-quote will you? I can't tell your answers form my statements.

Subject: Re: Why Is It So Quiet?
Posted by grandom on Sun, 17 Feb 2008 15:16:35 GMT
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Derick

2 John 1:3

Grace be with you, mercy, and peace, from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.

You are absolutely right. I am stupid. But didn't the scripture say that the weak despised the base are called. I plead guilty to all. I pray that the Lord will deliver you from the spirit of bitterness that you have displayed on this forum. I wont call you by any names as you have done. I don't think that is proper to do since we are created in His image. Besides
John 13:35
By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

Romans 14:19
Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.

May The Lord Bless you

Subject: Re: Why Is It So Quiet?
Posted by Derick N. on Sun, 17 Feb 2008 15:37:52 GMT
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Glad I could help you out Grandom.

Now you can feel all merciful and self-righteous for forgiving my persecution of you as an "accuser of the brethren".

I'm not bitter at all, I just don't like BS.

Subject: Re: Why Is It So Quiet?
Posted by Mark L on Mon, 18 Feb 2008 15:19:04 GMT
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Derick wrote

Actually I just finished 4 years of ministry to a Native tribe in the midwest, and battled spiritual witchcraft from medicine lodge members who oppose the gospel. I've been threatened physically and spiritually many times, and seen the power of the enemy first hand, so no I did not learn from a John Wayne movie

I would be interested in hearing more about that. Especially the witchcraft. Would you mind filling me in.

Subject: Re: Why Is It So Quiet?
Posted by ump1 on Mon, 18 Feb 2008 15:50:13 GMT
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Some have asked for testimonies, some have been critical of controlling the heavenlies. I can only give a couple of testimonies of moving the heavenlies, but I believe they have relevance to those who don't believe that God will move the heavenlies on our behalf. An FA couple that introduced us to the faith message and Dr. Freeman's ministry invited us to go camping on a spring weekend in Indiana. The weather report was for rain all weekend. They told me that they prayed and asked that we not get rained on. They confessed that it would not rain on us the whole weekend. Well, when we left it was raining. It rained all the way to the State Park. Interestingly enough, when we got there, as soon as I put my hand on the door handle of the truck, it stopped raining. At least long enough for us to register and get some supplies. AS soon as we were in the truck it rained again. We drove to our campsite which was covered by a beautiful canopy of leaves, the site was dry. We set up camp, had lunch and wanted to go hiking. We had been hearing the rain on the leaves above us for an hour, but now the sun came out, clouds parted and we had a great hike in the woods. As soon as the hike was over, the clouds and rain came back. This happened over and over all weekend. We were never touched by a drop of rain. I had never heard of faith like this, or that you could ask God for such a thing as this. Raised Methodist, I didn't believe in much of anything. I had to check into this more closely. We began going to Bruce Kinsey's meetings and learned a great deal about faith. In another instance, I was assisting a farmer, Bill Fouts get his hay in the barn. A severe storm came up while we were working in the fields. I saw Bill point at the storm and command it not to rain on his field while we were getting the hay in. We kept working and I watched the clouds part and rain so hard it was running off into drainage ditches on both sides of our field, but we only got the wind, no rain. As we were putting the last bale of hay on the conveyor up into the hay barn, I felt the first drop of rain. The heavens opened up when that bale was off the conveyor. I have experienced many other less dramatic events, but personal experience has proven that God will move the heavenlies if we ask.

Subject: Re: Why Is It So Quiet?
Posted by Derick N. on Mon, 18 Feb 2008 21:05:31 GMT
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I never said I didn't believe God could make it rain or whatever. Obviously God can do that, I guess it was the manner in which it was said that set me off. Something about the words

"controlling the heavenlies" just bothers me.

Hardbones, I could curl your hair with some of my testimony about my ministry with the indians. There were a lot of wonderful moves of the Holy Spirit along with the enemy's moves.

On many occasions we had all night prayer meetings. And I mean all night from sun-down to sun-up, praying and singing all night. In one the last prayer meetings I attended there were two candidates for healing. One was an elderly native lady who was diagnosed with cancer with abdominal pain and not given long to live, and the other was a one year old native baby boy who was very sickly from birth. The baby was grossly underweight for his age and not eating well, shivering and crying uncontrollably and had been in this state for weeks, the doctors being no help at all and had given him up to die.

I was one of the ministers at the meeting and witnessed the miracle, as in the morning the baby was bright-eyed and feeding normally, no longer crying and looking like a new person. The old lady is alive and both are doing well to this day, as far as I know.

A book could be written about all of the experiences I witnessed in my time of ministry there, but I prefer to recollect the high points and forget the dark times of spiritual warfare. The indians are a superstitious race and have deep roots in the occult, medicine lodge members are known to transform into animals and such things, and the believers suffered under a constant barrage of spiritual distractions when trying to do God's will, as in one case when the tent we were meeting in shook uncontrollably for hours when there was no wind, or the sounds of otherworldly animals outside when trying to pray. There were many claims of injury and death caused by the evil practitioners on God's people, but it is hard to verify with any certainty the exact cause of many of these mishaps.

Anyway, I have had some experience of ministry both to natives and whites which I would have rather not mentioned, prefering just to be another brother rather than seen as anything special, which as you know is the calling of ministry to be under all people rather than over all, but maybe some experience or knowledge that I have can help others?

To those who I have offended with blunt speech I offer no apology. God has made me see things a certain way, which may not be the same way that you see it. Its nothing personal. No need to take offense. These are just small words in a big world.

Subject: Re: Why Is It So Quiet?
Posted by Mark L on Mon, 18 Feb 2008 23:11:06 GMT
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Derick I sent you and email.

Subject: Re: Why Is It So Quiet?
Posted by Derick N. on Mon, 18 Feb 2008 23:52:27 GMT
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Back at you Brother. Nice to meet you.

Subject: Re: Why Is It So Quiet?
Posted by Derick N. on Tue, 19 Feb 2008 14:34:56 GMT
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Why is it so quiet?

Grandom, Believer and Ump1 where are you?

No more stories about how you twisted God's arm to control the heavenlies and make the sun come out?

Subject: Re: Why Is It So Quiet?
Posted by JWBTI on Wed, 20 Feb 2008 00:45:31 GMT
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Ump1,

Thanks for your wonderful testimony of how God moved on your behalf.....

Amen Brother

Subject: Re: Why Is It So Quiet?
Posted by Derick N. on Wed, 20 Feb 2008 03:30:49 GMT
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What Ron... not thankful for my testimony? HeHeHe.

Subject: Re: Why Is It So Quiet?
Posted by JWBTI on Wed, 20 Feb 2008 12:45:46 GMT
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Derick,
Thanks for sharing your testimonies with us,
Praise Jesus for what He has done thru you !

Subject: Re: Why Is It So Quiet?
Posted by Believer on Sat, 23 Feb 2008 04:11:28 GMT
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DERICK N SAID - Why is it so quiet? Grandom, Believer and Ump1 where are you? No more stories about how you twisted God's arm to control the heavenlies and make the sun come out?

Believer is here but I choose to be quiet and not write. I will spend my time in things that edifying and draw me closer to God then to listen to your hurtful comments. Jesus said He who recieves a righteous man in the name of a righteous man will recieve a righteous mans reward. You judged me, were critical of me in a way that I don't sense was of God. If someone has seen and performed the works of God that you claim you do then how could you not believe that the heavenlies can be moved with my prayer to meet my needs for rain. I don't know you at all but I see you are a debater and nobody can debate someone into a belief or faith about God and His promises. The Spirit of God needs to have gone before. God will, does and has moved the heavenlies for me. That's where my fiath is at. Your hurtful and critical comments on this site do not encourage me to continue to seek God or to share what God is doing in my life on this chat line. In fact they turn me away from even wanting to participate. Your hurtful and cruel manner hasn't drawn me to want to know more about what God is doing in your life but has caused me to be cautious of you. I don't twist God's arm but petition Him through prayer to act and He does for me. Again I say, many will say I prophised in your name, cast out demons in your name but Jesus says get away from me because I never knew you. Jesus when He ministerd on this earth was full of Grace and truth. If you never hear from me again it is because I am still believing and getting closer to God and not being entangled by critical, cruel, hurtful debate.

Subject: Re: Why Is It So Quiet?
Posted by Derick N. on Sat, 23 Feb 2008 14:30:04 GMT

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Believer wrote on Fri, 22 February 2008 22:11DERICK N SAID - Why is it so quiet? Grandom, Believer and Ump1 where are you? No more stories about how you twisted God's arm to control the heavenlies and make the sun come out?

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Well my manner is blunt, but not cruel, and if you perceived it that way I apologize.

As I said in another post, I was under the impression that there might be some actual overcomers on this forum. An overcomer is not going to let a few words bother him, or make him run and hide. You do know that there are places in the world where you will be tortured and killed for confessing Christ?

If a few harsh words send you into hiding, how will you stand in the evil days which lay ahead?

Subject: Re: Why Is It So Quiet?
Posted by believer 1 on Fri, 28 Mar 2008 21:32:48 GMT
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â€œWhy is it so quietâ€• started me writing on this website in Feb 2008 and now its March 2008. It was done originally in response to an Oct 2007 posting made by Michael the Disciple. You said â€œ Literally hundreds of people pass through this board daily! Why are you all not posting? Is

practically all who come here just looking for past info on Bro. Freeman?â€• I responded because I was challenged about the reference to Dr Freeman. Not because I came seeking info about Dr Freeman. I came seeking info on what God was doing in other Christianâ€™s lives, especially those who had a similar experience to mine ie who had sat under Dr Freemanâ€™s ministry. I love to hear about how Jesus is moving amongst believers but especially about how He is moving amongst those who have sat under Dr Freemanâ€™s teaching. Therefore, I write again!

God is not quiet! He is just waiting to hear from the many, who like me are bruised reeds and smoking flaxes. We have been hurt and extremely hurt. We need to be healed and it can happen. It did happen to me! I believe this website is part of that healing process. Thank you! Itâ€™s taken 26 years! Thank you for being a part. It is an overcomers site but Iâ€™m not sure that we understand what needs to be overcome.

Isaiah 43: 3 states that a bruised reed and a smoking flax He shall not break or quench. I WAS once one of those who were bruised and smoking. This website assisted in healing that hurt I suffered. May the Lord Jesus continue to heal many more through this site. I am now a testament to what God can do with hurt. My case isnâ€™t exceptional. There are many more who have been hurt more deeply than I have ever been hurt but one thing I do know and itâ€™s that God will remain true to Isaiah 43. 3 â€œa bruised reed and a smoking flax He shall not break or quenchâ€™â€™. Lets pray for those who are in the same condition as I was. I know I was bruised and smoking but God has strengthened me and I am healed. Healing can take place in many forms.

I write tonight, because I remembered this morning, many, many years ago Dr Freeman spoke about receiving a vision where he was sitting next to or was he sitting on a well with Jesus. I remember hearing it on one of his tapes years and years ago ie 26 years. Does any body else recall this vision he received and relayed over a tape?

Doesnâ€™t really matter if you donâ€™t because this morning I was praying and the Lord quicken to my spirit this vision Dr Freeman received years ago. In John 4:42 it speaks of the women of Samaria at a well. John 4:4 states Jesus must needs to go through Samaria. He was lead of the Spirit of God! I now must needs share with you about John 4.

In John 4 Jesus spoke to the Women of Samaria about living waters, she thought her people had the way to God. Jesus tried to speak to the woman of Samaria about the Water of life He could give her but she kept trying to tell Him she knew what it was all about. Let us not be like the women of Samaria but let us ask Him for the Living Water that springs up into eternal life. Donâ€™t let us say we have the way but let us ask Him for the Water of Life. I have asked Jesus for the living water. Could this be what the vision to Dr Freeman meant? The Women from Samaria was convinced she had it ie the truth about how to get to God. Could Dr Freeman misunderstood what Jesus was trying to communicate to him in this vision? I only ask.

Subject: Re: Why Is It So Quiet?
Posted by james on Thu, 21 Oct 2010 03:01:02 GMT
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Michael The Disciple wrote on Wed, 17 October 2007 00:10Literally hundreds of people pass through this board daily! Why are you all not posting? Is practically all who come here just looking for past info on Bro. Freeman?

I love to hear things about him and Faith Assembly positive or negative as long as they are true. But there is much truth to yet be sorted out among those who believe.

And so, 3 years later, I too wonder..."Why Is It So Quiet?"

How can professing Christians have nothing to share from God with fellow Christians? This has been a burden on my heart for months and months, I've prayed about it, fasted about it,(don't worry about me losing any reward for making my subplications known...I wasn't doing it to receive a reward.) In the last 6 months I've read (without joining) regularly on quite a few different 'Christian' forums, and while the participation of the members are something to envy, the content of discussion and what is allowed to be discusssed leaves much to be desired.

Folks we have given unto us a means to both edify and build each other up as well as share the truths we've been blessed with, to grow in the gifts and exercise what God has given us. I, for one am grateful to William for all the work he has put into this forum to keep it available to us. I would hate to see it go away, but without participation how long will The Lord continue to use it? I know that I'm experiencing spiritual battles that try to hinder what The Lord has put on my heart to do, but how can I even consider myself a follower of Christ if I allow Satan to so easily deter me?

How about you? Will you let the cares of daily life hinder your opportunity to share Jesus, testify of what He has done?

Subject: Re: Why Is It So Quiet?
Posted by sparkles on Thu, 21 Oct 2010 09:55:43 GMT
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You're right James, we all have things to share of what God is doing in our lives. I think for me it has been so busy with taking care of my elderly mother, working full time, and now living with my niece and her 3 1/2 year old daughter. What use to be free time is now time being busy, but that

is just a lame excuse because we should always be able to find time to share about God's blessings and faithfulness in our lives. I come to this site various times through the day to see what people have said, so what ever you have written has not been for nothing, but rather for edifying others while they are going through hard times. I agree, we cannot let Satan hinder what God has done and is doing on this site. Thanks to you and William for being used of God to bless others. I for one will try to be more involved in this site because I am blessed by what has been written and shared. Now, on that note I must get ready for work. Lord bless you.

Subject: Re: Why Is It So Quiet?
Posted by Mark L on Sat, 23 Oct 2010 13:56:00 GMT
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Well I guess you got me James. The last while I've just felt so tired. Plus I've been working a lot of local work and its long hours and tiring. I've started wondering if there's anything like a normal job. I'm not complaining here just explaining.

I guess all I can say is the last while I've been tired and haven't felt like talking to anyone. Just more or less huddling in my house here. This is my home page so I always come here first. I'll be making more of an effort.