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Subject: Medication and believing God

Posted by [Lisa](#) on Tue, 11 Sep 2007 12:20:52 GMT

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Long story but my Dad is taking medication for Demensia and my Mom kicked him out. When he chooses to believe God and forget medication along with drs he can come back. He asked us to take him and she is pretty mad at us and now we're under God's judgement ect. (God told her.)

I told her that I'm pretty sure Hobart would not have had her kick her husband out for choosing to believe God and go to drs. I know he taught Grace. She said he taught to go by how you felt God was leading you. So she feels this is the way God wants her to deal with this.

Can anyone help out there and give me something Hobart did teach so she can let my Dad come back home? Of course in the end I think he is better off with us because he has free will to watch tv and read books other then the Bible. With demensia you need more activity then just listening to church tapes, reading the bible ect.

I do believe God works with drs. If you have the faith and desire to deny medication ect then you have to make that decision and not force it on others. I guess my Mothers motto is "my way or the highway." When did she forget being a submissive wife? Oh well any help would be appreciated.

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Subject: Re: Medication and believing God

Posted by [william](#) on Tue, 11 Sep 2007 13:19:03 GMT

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Boy, that must be a tough situation. I don't know how anyone else would deal with that situation, but kicking your trials out the door and letting someone else deal with them, is certainly not the way to go.

I don't have any time this morning for anything more that a "pat" answer but hopefully someone else will jump in with some practical solutions.

Blessings,  
William

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Subject: Re: Medication and believing God

Posted by [Lisa](#) on Tue, 11 Sep 2007 13:25:08 GMT

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Thanks for the reply. I think the only ones who could really get this question is anyone who had

been under FA teachings. My husband used to be methodist so he just thinks we're weird. But yet she wouldn't listen to a penecostal pastor. I don't know if there is an answer, it might just be one of those things she has to come to terms with. Thankyou, Lisa Tarvin

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Subject: Re: Medication and believing God  
Posted by [william](#) on Tue, 11 Sep 2007 15:30:52 GMT  
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Okay, I'm back.

I can only guess, but your mom may be concerned about actually giving your dad the medication. She may be having a hard time dealing with the idea that the medication may be causing some of the symptoms. If this is the case, she doesn't want the responsibility of exacerbating the problem. She wants to put the responsibility back on your dad... "When he chooses to believe God and forget medication along with drs he can come back."

No doubt this would have been an easy out for a FA follower back in the 70-80s. They would probably base it on a statement by Hobart to the effect that if you are giving medication to someone you are actively involved in the occult.

If this is the case, you will probably be wasting your time in convincing her otherwise. Most of us who came through those years have examined these issues and instead of making a blanket statement, that effectively damns one for participating in the medical care of a loved one, we have realize the impractical aspects of this position. Your mom's situation highlights one of the problems--how do we show love to someone who doesn't measure up to our ideal? Your mom has chosen to get rid of the problem and is using one "law" to get around the law of love.

Jesus dealt rather harshly with that attitude:

Quote:Mar 7:7 Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

Mar 7:8 For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men, as the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do.

Mar 7:9 And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition.

Mar 7:10 For Moses said, Honour thy father and thy mother; and, Whoso curseth father or mother, let him die the death:

Mar 7:11 But ye say, If a man shall say to his father or mother, It is Corban, that is to say, a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me; he shall be free.

Mar 7:12 And ye suffer him no more to do ought for his father or his mother;

Mar 7:13 Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered:

and many such like things do ye.

I'd like to hear how other FA people would deal with this situation, given the same circumstances. We were great on platitudes, but this is where the rubber meets the road. Come on!

Blessings,  
William

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Subject: Re: Medication and believing God  
Posted by [Duncan](#) on Tue, 11 Sep 2007 18:39:34 GMT  
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Lisa,  
I just read your post, and it burdens me greatly how legalistic those who were once part of FA have become.

I was a child and teenager during the peak of FA, so I don't remember everything that was taught. Now that I'm an adult, I have been going back and listening to see what it was all about.

I am currently going through the Biblical Theology series on MP3 while driving to and from work. I am currently listening to the part dealing with the Doctrine of the Church. While driving in this morning, I was listening to either the third or fourth sermon dealing with "Church Discipline." After reading your post, I don't think it was just a coincidence.

In this sermon, Dr. Freeman was teaching on how to relate to family members that were not a part of the "body," or that were under church discipline.

He stated that if a family member were a heretic (someone who held to a false doctrine of Jesus - he mentioned Jehovah's Witnesses or Mormons) then the Bible was clear that you should have as little contact with them as possible.

However, for someone who was just an unbeliever or someone who didn't adhere to the "faith message," they should NOT be avoided. He stated that religious discussions should be avoided with them.

He specifically went over the relationship between husbands and wives. He gave clear biblical references to show that marriage is sacred.

One reference was I Corinthians 7:13-16. In this section, Paul states, "And the woman which hath an husband that believeth not, and if he be pleased to dwell with her, let her not leave him. For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband: else were your children unclean; but now are they holy. But if the unbelieving depart, let him depart. A brother or a sister is not under bondage in such cases: but God hath called us to peace. For what knowest thou, O wife, whether thou shalt save thy husband? or how knowest thou, O man, whether thou shalt save thy wife?"

He also referenced I Peter 3:1-2 which states, "Likewise, ye wives, [be] in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives; While they behold your chaste conversation [coupled] with fear."

Basically, he was saying that unless your family member was in gross heresy, you should not totally avoid them. Rather, you should set an example for them to follow.

My prayer is that these passages will be of great help to you.

Have a great day!  
Duncan

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Subject: Re: Medication and believing God  
Posted by [Lisa](#) on Tue, 11 Sep 2007 19:39:10 GMT  
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Thankyou Duncan,  
I will be printing this to give to my Mother. I think you are right. I know God led you up this path. I think it will give all the family peace if they're together. There has to be a middle ground amongst all this division. However my Dad is really enjoying his freedom so I hope he will want to go back. I have been sick about all of this for over almost 3 weeks now. God Bless, Lisa

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Subject: Re: Medication and believing God  
Posted by [Duncan](#) on Tue, 11 Sep 2007 20:21:50 GMT  
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Lisa,  
I am happy to have been used of God. Please post again with an update. I would love to hear the outcome.

May God richly bless you and keep you and your family.

Duncan

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Subject: Re: Medication and believing God  
Posted by [Duncan](#) on Wed, 12 Sep 2007 19:01:54 GMT  
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Thanks Hombre.

A stopped clock is right twice a day!

Duncan

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Subject: Re: Medication and believing God  
Posted by [JWBTI](#) on Thu, 13 Sep 2007 00:54:28 GMT  
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Lisa,

Ya might remind mom about the words that Jesus spoke in

Matthew 6:9-15

She might want to reread verse 14-15,

And we all must remember that Christs Love for us was unconditional Love.

I love my wife & children unconditionally, be they walk the way I do or not. I may not agree with there choices an they may not always agree with mine. Amen

But our Love is to be as Christs Love (Unconditional)

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Subject: Re: Medication and believing God  
Posted by [Lisa](#) on Thu, 13 Sep 2007 01:39:32 GMT

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Well I printed everyone's responses and took the papers to my Mothers place. I told her about the website and encouraged her to have my brother pull it up on the computer. I mentioned I was leaving some papers for her and my brother to go over. I prayed over them before I got there. She was very excited about the website so I hope she will check it out and be open to the God given responses from everyone. I really love my Mom, she is very dedicated to God and one of the most sincere christians I know. I agree a lot of what she and many of us are going thru is tremendous bondage. Everytime I'm in a service I find myself grading the message...let's see error error error a good church but too much error. It can really ruin the term being free in the spirit.Thanks for all the support. I'll keep you updated. Lisa

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Subject: Re: Medication and believing God  
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WEll She's probably not too happy with me right now for even discussing it. I'm not real happy with her because she made Dad listen to tapes all day and wore him out with why he shouldn't see a dr. He has a cat scan tomorrow and now he doesn't want to go. Grrrrr. I really feel too much time spent with her now is really confusing him. I am trying to pray right now especially towards my anger towards Mom. I am believing this whole discussion thing will help her look at how she is dealing with Dad. She's always right and we're always wrong so I think fellow peers will have a great deal of weight with her. Pray pray pray. Thanks, Lisa

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Subject: Re: Medication and believing God  
Posted by [Lisa](#) on Fri, 14 Sep 2007 15:48:42 GMT  
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I appreciate your thoughts and message. Prayer is very important to me and I know my Mother is a prayer warrior. At this time I pray thru the more 3 times more then normal because I know I cannot take my frustrations out on my Mother. She is doing all she has known for over 30 years now...what she was taught by FA. But I wonder and feel she has strayed in some of her thinking. For example there are no holidays, birthdays or anniversaries celebrated with my Mother. My Dad would like to at least do birthdays and anniversaries with the occassion Thanksgiving Feast but there would be big trouble with my Mother. If she even goes out to visit someone on the holiday were there to be an earthquake or tornado, someone were to die...it would be her fault. I think this has gone further then anything that was ever taught. She has become so legalistic it is hard to have a normal conversation with her. But were it not for God she would be in a mental hospital and I thank him everyday that she is not. But my Dad need not suffer if he does not have to. Thankyou, Lisa

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Subject: Re: Medication and believing God  
Posted by [Lisa](#) on Fri, 14 Sep 2007 20:53:37 GMT  
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You made me smile. Yes my Mom is a handful. We have all learned not to offend her over the years. If only she could find a church she agreed with it might be different. But when she sees all the error... well there you go. The song No Man Is An Island goes thru my mind right now. She is praying for a FA church in Lafayette. And no I wasn't offended. I could never briefly go into anything about my Mother. I would hate to bore anyone on this board or perhaps they might think I exaggerate (my imagination is not that good.) But sometimes I wonder if my Dad might have been depressed and maybe this is part of the demensia. But of course now he's scared of cat scans so we will have to get him thru that so we will know what exactly the dr can find out. Thanks again, it's good to know I'm not crazy and it's nice to have a group to relate some of this with.  
Thanks, Lisa

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