

Word of God Speak Bart Millard/Pete Kipley

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I'm finding myself at a loss for words and the funny thing is, that's Ok.
The last thing I need is to be heard, but to hear what You would say.

Refrain:

Oh, Word of God speak, would You pour down like rain,
washing my eyes to see, Your majesty.
To be still and know, that You're in this place,
Please let me stay and rest in Your holiness, Word of God Speak

I'm finding myself in the midst of You, beyond the music, beyond the noise
All that I need is to be with You and in the quiet, hear Your voice.

Refrain x 2:

I'm finding myself at a loss for words, and the funny thing is, it's Ok.

Bart Millard: "Sometimes our limited vocabulary is almost impossible to use to speak of an infinite God. There are just no words to use. And that was the first line – I think sometimes we say a little too much, and the more we talk, it seems the further we get from the Word of God."
(Crosswalk.com)

Can you relate to this? In what ways?

Have you ever felt that the more you talked the further you got from the Word of God?
Describe a situation that made/makes you feel this way. How did you resolve the situation? If you haven't resolved it, what do you think could help resolve it?

Psalm 19:11-13 *"There's more: God's Word warns us of danger and directs us to hidden treasure. Otherwise how will we find our way? Or know when we play the fool? Clean the slate, God, so we can start the day fresh! Keep me from stupid sins, from thinking I can take over Your work. Then I can start this day sun-washed, scrubbed clean of the grime of sin."* The Message¹

Bart Millard: "It's the idea that God's been sitting here saying, just hush for a second and let Me get a word in edgewise. It took me a long time and a lot of work to get me to that point to just shut up." (Crosswalk.com)

What do you think the Psalmist meant by "Keep me from stupid sins, from thinking I can take over Your work"? What of God's work have you tried to take over? What was that like? What "hidden treasure" might we find if we "just hush for a second and let (God) get a word in edgewise"? Is that an easy process?

“I’m finding myself at a loss for words and the funny thing is, that’s Ok.
The last thing I need is to be heard, but to hear what You would say.”

What do you think Bart Millard meant when he wrote “I’m finding myself at a loss for words and the funny thing is, that’s Ok”? How would you feel if suddenly you were unable to do the core part of your job? If that were to happen, what could help you say “that’s Ok”? Do you think you’d be able to release the situation as Bart did? Why do feel this way? He then writes “The last thing I need is to be heard”. Is this an easy concept for you – to step back and relinquish your “right” to be heard? Whether it’s easy or hard, how does that play out in your life?

As we move into the season of Advent, let’s take some time to consider this song in the light of preparation for celebrating the birth of Christ.

John 1:1-5 “In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. The Word was with God in the beginning. Everything came into being through the Word, and without the Word nothing came into being. What came into being through the Word was life, and the life was the light for all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness doesn’t extinguish the light.”

Common English Bible²

“Oh, Word of God speak, would You pour down like rain, washing my eyes to see, Your majesty.
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Jesus was the Word of God, “and the Word was with God and the Word was God”, but Jesus came to earth in the humblest of forms – the infant son of working-class parents. He didn’t come in a blaze of glory; He wasn’t born in a palatial home filled with servants. And to this day, His words and His actions still resound across our world.

Why do you think Jesus came to earth as an infant? Do you think His “majesty” was harder to see because of this choice? Why? Do you think that was a good thing or a bad thing? What about today? Do you see Jesus’ “majesty”? How does it appear to you? What causes you to need to ask Jesus to “pour down like rain, washing my eyes to see, Your majesty”?

What would it mean to you do to be able to “stay and rest in (God’s) holiness” this Advent season? Is that something you feel you can do? If not, why not?

What might God say *to* you, if you stopped to really hear what God has to say this Advent season? Can you be open to hearing from God? What might Jesus say *through* you? Can you help Jesus be the light that shines in the darkness? How can you help people understand that the “darkness doesn’t extinguish the light.”

“If you do this, you will experience God’s peace, which is far more wonderful than the human mind can understand. His peace will keep your thoughts and your hearts quiet and at rest as you trust in Jesus Christ.”

Philippians 4:7 The Living Bible³

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