

Life Lessons

“Life’s Most Basic Question”

Why am I here? The truth – shocking to some – is that we exist entirely for the pleasure and glory of God. Many of us bristle at the thought that life is not “about us” or that we are not the center of the universe. Once you settle this issue all other questions seem to come clear.

- **Why is this happening to me?**
- **Why doesn’t my situation change?**
- **Why does it seem the struggle continues?**

We can learn one of life’s most important lessons from Frances Havergal – Britain’s counterpart to Fanny Crosby. Just as Fanny Crosby lived with a lifetime of blindness and from that darkness saw a light that others could not see, so Frances Havergal suffered with a lifetime of delicate health and great pain and became an instrument of God’s glory. If you have ever sung...

“Take My Life and Let It Be,” or
“Like a River Glorious,” or
“I Gave My Life for Thee,”

...then you have been led into the glory of God by a suffering servant who embraced her suffering because **she lived entirely for the glory of God and not for the comfort of life.**

Frances began writing poetry at seven. (Did you catch that parents and grandparents? **Fan into a flame the inclination God creates in the heart of a child!**)

Though her health was impaired her heart and mind was not. She was excellent with music and with verse and was fluent in Greek, Hebrew, Latin, German, French, Italian, and English. (Did you catch that principle? **God never allows a limit in one area without bestowing a multitude of blessings in other areas!**)

So now what? Release all you self-imposed plans, presumptions, and expectations for life. Pray with me now.

“LORD, my life is entirely for YOU and for YOUR glory. YOUR pleasure is my purpose. If being less than whole in any area of my life will make YOU more clearly seen, then I embrace YOUR plan for my life. YOU, LORD, are the center of my universe, the ROCK that is higher than I. I delight in YOU!”