



Tale of the Corn Stalk

A recent road trip, through a local rural area, has proven to be a great reminder of God's Word and His faithfulness. While noticing how healthy the corn and beans looked this summer, it became apparent that something was out of place – a few random corn stalks amidst the beans. It was very obvious due in large to the height of the corn stalks, standing tall, proud and healthy right next to their much shorter neighbors – the beans. It's not uncommon for that to happen; and it's not unusual either. But the contrast was certainly attention getting. Regardless of the fact that the corn was healthy and thriving, it still was out of place, as the corn stalk family home was right across the road. The point here; is that we, like those corn stalks, sometimes find ourselves in places and situations that we would rather not be in. Maybe our job isn't what we hoped it would be and it's hard to go to work every day. Our health may be a challenge for us and each day we struggle to understand that if God can heal us – why He doesn't. Are you a Believer in Jesus Christ and the rest of your family is not? Do your co-workers not share your faith or your convictions? Are you treated differently or made fun of? Do you feel out of place - in your space - of this world? As difficult as that can be sometimes, we need the reminder, that we are called to be different. We are going to be in unfamiliar territory and out of our comfort zones. Matthew 5:13-16

tells us that we are salt and light – created to be different so that others may see Jesus in us. We are not to conform to this world according to Romans 12:2. And 1 Peter 2:9 teaches us that we are a chosen people; we are to proclaim God’s excellence to the world. People need to see Jesus in us. In order for that to happen, we may be in places and situations that are challenging for us. And as the corn stalks stood out, because it was obvious that they were different from the beans, it needs to be noted that they were surviving in the bean field. Actually - they were thriving and healthy. They were thriving because the Lord, in His faithfulness still causes the sun to shine on them - even though they are in the bean field. He also sees that they enjoy the rains too. And it’s obvious that those corn stalks had sunk their roots deep in the soil to gather nutrients and be fed. When we are where the Lord wants us to be, even though it’s not exactly where we want to be, He will provide everything that we need – Philippians 4:19. He will never leave us – Joshua 1:5, in fact He goes with us – Deuteronomy 31:8. Though I walk in the midst of trouble; You preserve my life – Psalm 138:7. Life can be difficult and uncomfortable. John 16:33 tells us that we will have trouble in this world, but God encourages with the reminder that we can take heart because He has overcome the world.

Advice from the corn stalks:

Be outstanding in your field.

Dig your roots down deep.

Bask in the Son/sun