



Let's read the Bible

1 Samuel 18:1-16
1 Samuel 23:1-13
1 Samuel 25:20-34

We consider together

Let us serve God thankfully with what he has given us, without comparing ourselves to others.



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"Paul, where were you and what were you doing at 3:30 am Eastern Time on April 11?" Missionary pilot Paul Westlund was shocked when he read a letter from one of his supporters. Paul calmed himself and slowly tried to remember what had happened.

On that very time and day, Paul was flying a plane with a broken engine. And in his mind, he was thinking, "If I get out of this alive, I'm leaving the mission field and going back to the United States." Paul kept remembering someone telling him, "When I was young, serving God as a missionary in the jungles was a grand adventure, but after twenty years, your thoughts change. Missionaries also experience this."

Paul knew he was getting old, but he had used all his time and money towards the mission field, and did not prepare for retirement. He did not save up any money, nor did he have enough to buy a house. Other friends around him who were not missionaries had already prepared for their later years. Paul felt like life was difficult; he had to wear cheaper clothes and buy cheap cars, and he never had time to rest. God felt a lot farther away than He used to be. God spoke to a troubled Paul through the letter from his supporter.

"Paul, on April 11th, at three thirty in the morning, I felt like someone had slapped my neck and I woke right up. I got a very strong feeling that you were in grave danger, flying somewhere above water, and I started to pray. I could not stop praying for about an hour and a half. Paul, are you okay? Did something happen?"

As he read the letter, Paul started to tear up. This was because Paul had found a small beach on a tiny island where he could have landed the plane. But if he had landed on that beach, the rising tide would have destroyed the plane, so Paul kept going and flew the broken plane for thirty more minutes before he found a safer place to land.

A short time after this incident, Paul was asked by a friend to become a pilot for a company named King Air. But because of the letter from his supporter, Paul told his friend, "Thanks, but no thanks. Flying a huge jet and earning a lot more money is cool, but there is nothing better than working together with the prayer of God's people."

Paul and his wife LaVonne Westlund stayed in Indonesia until Paul was called to God, working for a partner organization of JAARS, YAJASI, serving with Bible translators and national workers as pilots for twenty-five years. Paul faced difficulties all the time, but he was always heard saying, "Isn't this just the best life a guy could have!" After Paul left to go to God's side, his wife LaVonne went to the head office of Wycliffe USA and continues to serve.

A life that is truly magnificent is not eating as much delicious food as you want, having a lot of nice clothes to wear, or playing a lot of fun games. It is a wonderful life when you serve God with people who pray for you. Let us pray for the missionaries who give themselves to such a beautiful life, and that each and every one of us would grow and live a life that is pleasing to God, full of excitement and joy.