



## Above the Noise

### Description

Consider it a sheer gift, friends, when tests and challenges come at you from all sides. You know that under pressure, your faith-life is forced into the open and shows its true colors. So don't try to get out of anything prematurely. Let it do its work so you become mature and well-developed, not deficient in any way. (James 1:2-4, MSG)

The following is a note I wrote while visiting Yosemite National Park a few weeks ago. I never knew what was to come or how this short little note would really minister to my heart.

**A lesson that I'm learning right in this moment is that this river that I sit next to is very loud, almost deafening but because I can see it and take in the full experience of it... it's peaceful, relaxing and enjoyable to me. But if I were to hold the phone up to it and call someone and say, "here listen to this". I think they would think it's just noise because they can't see it.**

**Just like I can't always see what Your (God) doing in my life through the obstacles I face. I can't see how the obstacles are developing my faith, creating spiritual strength, deepening my walk with You, and giving me a greater ability to persevere. Lord, please help me to see that what sometimes appears as just noise to me is music to Your ears as You hear the sound of my spiritual muscles stretching and strengthening. Lord, please develop me daily and give me a greater understanding of Your Word that I may live out my days fully for You and Your purpose.**

**I pray that I will have a greater appreciation for what only seems to be like noise in my life. May I see things from Your perspective and may I choose to enjoy the moments that I'm given. I love You so much Lord and I pray that I can honor You with every thought I think, every word I speak, every step I take, and every moment You give me to live! I'm all Yours, always Yours and only Yours!**

This defines what I have felt this last week. A lot of what is happening with my dad feels like noise. I'm seeing this from the angle of a daughter wiping her father's tears away daily, taking in his questions

and not having the answers, watching him hurt, and not being able to help. What I see looks like noise! But God keeps reminding me that He is writing a beautiful composition. He is playing the strings of hearts all around me and this is all music to His ears. He is in the details. He has a plan. And He will use this far beyond my greatest comprehension.

**“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways,” declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.” (Isaiah 55:8-9, NASB)**

*Lord, please help me to rise above the noise of my current life storm. Please help me to listen for the music. May I tune in to the melody of Your grace and the sweet sound of Your symphony. May I listen up to You and gain a heart of understanding through this. Please teach me what You would have me to learn through this and develop my spiritual muscles a little more!*

Seeking to live above the noise,

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