

BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE OF WORKING AMONG PASTORALISTS

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Background



- God may give assignments even when we do not want it
- The assignments may be strange and confusing
- It takes courage to say “ Yes I do”
- The encouragement is that there is always a happy ending



The
honeymoon
Matthew 17:4
Peter said to
Jesus “Lord, it is
good for us to be
here.....”





WHEN THE HONEYMOON IS OVER

How about when you hate it and don't know why?

What of when you encounter situations that are not reconcilable with your faith and culture? How do you respond? How do you come back to your feet?

The bible has answers!

John 4:10: If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink....



The trap of community disagreements? At times God may choose to secretly surprise you!

During disagreements

- Live out the biblical principles
- Do no harm
- Keep consulting
- Avoid temptations for rush conclusions
- Prayer

The trap of quick gains

“Man does not live on bread alone” Matt. 4:4
How do you face the massive environmental destruction?
Charcoal burning, illegal logging



Engaging the trap of quick gains

- ◉ Undertake teachings (Technical, scientific)
- ◉ Seek allies. Help them to see the need as you see it
- ◉ Engage the leadership
- ◉ Direct communities to other opportunities
- ◉ Prayer



The trap of confusion and burn out

When you stop seeing the beauty of development.

Acts 3:19 “that times of refreshing may come from the Lord”

- Seek the bible, prayer
- Do you have a mentor/peer? They may help so much.
- Tap from your earlier experiences from God. 1 Samuel 17:34-37



The disaster trap

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- ◉ Biblical formulae may work miracles.
Mark 6:30- Feeding of the 5,000 offers a clear way of handling big crowds
- ◉ Many actors do not engage psycho-social support.
- ◉ It is not just about the physical issues. It is also about emotional issues

Conclusion



- God is a development worker! Christ fed people, healed them, kicked out the demons, taught people on diverse topics, comforted their hearts and participated in their social issues. Luke 4:18-19
- Miracles do still happen in development.
- It is not us doing it; it is us participating in His doing.