

Disconnect

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My husband and I spent almost a month now playing table top tennis with our cable company. Our internet service is sporadic so we lob the ball in their court with a how-to question and they lob it back with a try-this answer. As I type, it is out again and the frustration mounts.



When this first started, I quickly realized how tethered I am to the Internet. Our phone works by it, our TV is connected to it- not to mention all the favorite places I like to visit while on it. I found myself trying every trick in the book to get connected almost to the point of desperation, I felt so disconnected!

It didn't take long in the down time for the quiet to clear a path for God's voice to be heard.

Be still, and know I am God... Psalm 46:10

You are not your own, you were bought at a price... 1 Corinthians 6:20

My sheep listen to my voice; I know them... John 10:27

Remain in me, as I also remain in you... John 15:4

I am reminded I am SO connected.

It's funny how every time I deliberately choose something that gnaws away on the holy cable, ignoring the sparks and painful jolts of electricity warning me I'm getting dangerously close to electrocuting myself, I do not have the same instant of panic of being spiritually disconnected. In way too many cases, especially for those pet sins, I am not even fully aware I'm chomping away on the cord. Then this world starts to crowd my head, my mouth is sore from biting down so hard and I finally look at the exposed wires, the protective covering is nearly gone and I spit it out in horror over how close I came to disconnection. I hang my head in shame at this destructive habit.

My Lord of mercies, lifts my chin with tip of His finger and looks in my eyes with compassion, ""I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing..."

What cords are you chewing on in desperation? Drop it, immediately, and let's pray!

Dear Righteous Branch of David, help keep me connected to Your life-giving tree. Stop me in my tracks when I am connecting myself to things that destroy and harm instead of heal and reveal your glory. Without You, I am lost forever. Holy Spirit, instill in me an awareness of my actions, lift my eyes to see your face and follow in Your footsteps. Oh how amazing it is to be grafted into your Goodness, knowing that You will let nothing break me off from You! In the name of Jesus, I pray, Amen.



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Scripture References: Matthew 12:33; John 6:56; 1 John 2:6

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