Wrong Answer - Try Again

It was getting near bedtime when the husband asked his wife, 'Do you fancy a cup of tea before we go to bed?' She replied, 'That's a good idea, are you going to make it, or shall I?' His quick reply was 'Oh I'll let you make it'.

Without a moment's hesitation her reply was there - 'WRONG ANSWER, TRY AGAIN'.

Are we sometimes like this with God? In our better moments we say, 'yes Lord, I will go where you want me to go'. Then when the crunch comes and we realise what He is asking us to do, do we turn round and say 'Wrong answer, try again'. Is it a case of - Lord I don't mind doing this or even this, but please don't ask me to do THAT!

When we ask God what He wants us to do, we need to do it in a spirit of openness and trust. We need to ask in the knowledge that He loves us and will not ask us to do anything that He won't give us the strength to do. If we ask with exclusion causes, we are not asking in trust.

When you next ask the Lord what He wants you to do, just check you're not saying 'wrong answer - try again'.

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He Alone Is My Rock

David in Psalm 62 says God is his rock. But what sort of rock do we want Him to be for us?

Could it be sometimes we want a rock like seaside rock? This rock is brightly coloured and sweet. Would we like a rock that gives us a life that is all sugar and spice and all things nice, where we have no problems, where nothing is difficult. Is this the rock we want?

How about a rock that a baby understands, where they are rocked to sleep in a cradle. Everything is taken care of, they don't have to worry, and they can peacefully go off to sleep. Do we want a rock that keeps us safe and snugg?

David wanted a rock that was more substantial than this. He knew that life would have its problems so he wanted a rock that could be trusted, that would support Him and this is the rock that God promises.

But there's yet another rock. What about rock music? The thing about rock music is it is difficult to ignore. Usually you either reject it and move away as far as possible, or you accept it and want to get up and move with the spirit of the music. This is the way God rocks your life. You either reject Him and move out of His way or you want to get up and move with his spirit. He is not interested in people who just sit there.

So what is it going to be - 'Shall we rock on with God'.

BEAR EACH OTHERS BURDENS

- 1. Bear each other's burdens
- 2. By this shall they know you are my disciple
- 1. Share each other's suffering
- 2. By this shall they know you are my disciple
- 1. And love as your Saviour has shown
- 2. And by this shall they know you are my disciple
- 1. For the strength of your caring
- 2. Feed my sheep
- 1. Will heal the pain souls are bearing
- 2. Feed my sheep
- 1. For no-one should ever be alone
- 2. If you love me
- 1. Bear each other's burdens
- 2. If you really love me
- 1. Share each other's suffering
- 2. If you really truly love me
- 1. Love as your Saviour has shown