Have you ever heard someone say, “There are no stupid questions,” only to think, then why am I so afraid to ask one? Pretty soon you are lost in a sea of mixed messages, all because you were afraid to ask! Here in Mark chapter 9, Jesus tells His disciples of His upcoming death and resurrection, but for some reason they didn’t understand what He was trying to tell them. Not only did they not understand, they were afraid to ask Him what He meant. Why are we so afraid to ask God questions?

Where is the first place we go when we are mixed up about life or having a problem? If you asked most people, they might say that they Google it, meaning that they go to their computer and type their questions into the search engine to see what their computer will tell them. If searching on the Internet doesn’t work, they then go to family, friends, or anyone else that will listen about their confusion in an attempt to talk about it. After all of the analysis, feedback, and Web surfing, what do they understand? They will probably have a pile of contradictions and opinions that they have to sort through instead of answers. That is why Donna Pyle gives us this bit of encouragement in her LWML Bible Study Overflowing Abundance: “Our culture says to Google it, but when it comes to faith, God it.”

There was a funny, yet amazingly true, post on Facebook the other day. It said, “If you find yourself a bit irritated or overwhelmed, it’s probably a sign that you are spending less time with God and more time with this world.” The devil, the world, and our flesh are all trying to make us crazy and sending us a lot of mixed messages. The best resources we have in this life for our spiritual questions aren’t people or the Internet. They are prayer and time in God’s Word. God is the first place we can take our questions, and His counsel will always be truthful and for our very best. Here is what He promises: If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him (James 1:5).

So, dear sisters, I encourage you to go ahead and ask God anything. Please take your questions and concerns to Him in prayer, knowing that He loves you and He will never think your questions are stupid or unimportant. Then be in His Word privately, with your LWML sisters, and with other members of the body of Christ, being blessed by God’s counsel, knowing that He doesn’t send any mixed messages!

Before I close, I would like to personally wish you a very Merry Christmas! Take time to share the Christmas story with those around you. Entertain a birthday party for Jesus or attend an Advent by Candlelight* evening. And, most of all, take time for your family — make memories — forget the dirty dishes, and love the moment!

Christmas joy to each of you!

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