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Scott's Thoughts



“For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it?” (Luke 14:28, ESV)

“I asked, ‘Why doesn’t somebody do something?’ Then I

realized I was somebody.” I found this quote in an old publication from 1996 and my mind went in several directions when I thought about using it. The idea of wanting someone to do something has existed for many years before it was published in that small magazine and will be used for generations to come.

I’m really troubled about the political state of our country and all the chaos that is prevalent today. If I’m unhappy with what I see then I have to ask myself, what am I doing to make it better? I have come to the conclusion that watching the news on TV is not the answer, neither is complaining. To me, it does not matter how I feel about these things. However, some might think that how they feel is the only relevant matter. I’ve been around for a number of years and it is more than evident that many people do not share my opinion on certain matters. But should that difference make us enemies? Or can we sit and calmly discuss the disagreements? The real problem is, what can be done to stop the hate and accusatory language?

Last night I saw an individual on the news make the statement, “If they don’t give us what we want, we will burn it down.” He then went on to say, “You can take that anyway you want.” It reminded me of the labor strike that took place

when I was ten years old. The UAW went on strike against the big three auto plants in the fall of 1959. It was a long and bitter strike and took months to reach a compromise because neither side wanted to give in. The strike was finally settled but only after many families had been harmed. It took years for everyone affected to recover financially. I recall it so well because my father’s employment at the time was driving a truck hauling new cars. Because of the strike, no new cars were manufactured so there was nothing for him to haul. Years later, Dad told me that, “We came so very close to losing the house.”

My point is that many people suffered because disagreements were not solved quickly. Anger grew and the original problem grew even greater which kept the two sides from coming to a reasonable agreement for a much longer time. We need to learn that when disagreements are not worked out many people are hurt. It is essential for us to work through the chaos that plagues us today. It is time to talk. It is time for us to look at the other side of the coin. It is time to stop planning destruction and plan together how we can rebuild. It is time to understand each others issue and start acting, talking, and loving as Jesus would have us.

I am somebody and I am talking and counting.

“Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand?” (Luke 14:31, ESV)

Thanks for listening and keep on shining.

—Scott