

Nambour's Solution



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Redeeming Love, by Francine Rivers, I took a breath as I opened the book; “read it, I want to know what you think”, was what Ruth had said, as she had handed it to me. Her enthusiasm and her gentle yet persuasive persistence had made a difference. When God says for you to do a little tidy of the things around you, and your eye immediately falls to that book, then one needs to take notice. I had resigned myself to the fact that I either needed to read it, or give it back.

I stopped reading years ago, I’m not sure why my previous book reading interest as a child had waned. I reflected on that as my eyes trudged through the first few chapters. The trudging had strangely seemed to be getting easier as each page turned. The interest for what would happen next was starting to grow, and as I got into the story a little more I found myself heading to bed earlier each night, to get in more reading time. What was happening to me?

As the story unraveled, I found myself, planning, wishing, and dreaming for how I hoped the story might end. Part of me wanted to skip pages to get to the end, but then I’d miss the process of the journey.

I could see unfolding before my eyes, the wooing heart of the Father that continues to draw us to Himself. He wants us to seek him out. He has so much He wants to say to us.

The thoughts of the day whirled through my head as I drove home, turning onto the motorway headed for Nambour, I was reminded of the page God had prompted me to turn to that morning. “Go to the first 5 points you’ve written down”. I opened the book when I got in the door. It’s a journal I keep, the revelations or lines God speaks when I’m reading the Bible.

I write them down for later, it’s so easy to forget otherwise. Each point is prefaced with a scripture, I can go back to them at any time; I know there’s also a much deeper message in each one, so here’s what they are – you’ll need to read the scriptures to get the full context;

1 2 KINGS 5:13-16

To preface the story, Naaman was a commander of the army of the king of Aram, he had leprosy, he heard there was a prophet in Israel that could heal him. The story takes an interesting turn at verse 20, it would pay to read to the end of the chapter.

1. No payment.

Am I expecting payment or return for the things I’ve done or been involved in? Is my attitude; I’ve done something for you, now I will expect or want something in return. God doesn’t expect payment from us – we are released and set free.

2 SAMUEL 6:16-23

This is the story of David dancing before the Lord, Michal has seen this and despised David in her heart, the story finishes in verse 23 with 'and Michal the daughter of Saul had no child to the day of her death.'

2. Attitude.

What's yours? Our heart attitude can create life or death.

2 SAMUEL 10:1-19

David sent his servants to show kindness and sympathy to Hanun after his father's death. Concern and suspicion with David motives caused a terrible turn for the worst and over 40,000 men were killed.

3. Motives.

Do you really know the motives of people or are you jumping to conclusions?

2 KINGS 6:3-7

Elisha had gone with one of the servants to cut down trees, and the servant had lost the axe head.

4. Back.

Where did you lose your cutting edge? Do you need to go back to the place you last heard, have you done the last thing God told you to do?

2 KINGS 6:8-18

King Aram had set up a huge army to surround the city where Elisha and the servant were. "Don't be afraid," the prophet answered. "Those who are with us are more than those who are with them."

5. Open.

Open your spiritual eyes, see who is on your side.

What's spoken to you?

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In the urban dictionary there is a word called NambO. God had prompted me to look up the word;

NambO - The opposite of Rambo. Rambo is the tough guy - NambO is the modern day weakling (not just physically but emotionally) relying on the system and everyone else, always whinging and never happy, incapable of creating his own happiness. Derived from combining Namby-Pamby and Rambo. The word is spelt with a capital N and O at each end - the amb in the middle being "another mommy's boy".

Have you noticed that 'NambO' is the first five letters for Nambour? So, what's missing?

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There's a reason I started with the story of Redeeming Love. I got into the story, and I learned many things along the way. There was one significant turning point for the whole story;

It was the point, where everyone heard God for themselves, and stopped disqualifying themselves as part of the solution.

Isn't it just so easy to disqualify yourself? So often we can put ourselves in a position where we say I can't, or someone else needs to. We get complicated and listen to lies. We skip the pages of our own story. It's not just about you, you are part of the story and therefore someone else's story too. Your journey affects others. You are part of Nambour's solution.

Will you get involved in Nambour's redeeming love story?