

The Lowedown

A Monthly newsletter from Dave and Jennifer Lowe

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Just Stand There!

It's hard to believe that March is here already!

Pretty soon, it will be warming up here in Fresno and I'll be able to start wearing shorts again. We only have a window of a few short months before it starts to get really hot, so we'll have to enjoy the nice weather while it lasts.

I'd be lying to you if I told you that Jennifer and I aren't anxious to get to Santa Barbara. But in the meantime we're excited about what God is doing in our lives right here in Fresno.

For the past few months, I've been involved in a men's Bible study at our church. We're going through a workbook entitled "Experiencing God". While most of the material is not necessarily new to me, I have been

challenged to think about how I approach my relationship with God. The following excerpt was particularly relevant to me:

We are a "doing" people. We always want to be doing something. Once in a while someone will say, "Don't just stand there, do something."

I think God is crying out and shouting to us, "Don't just do something. Stand there! Enter into a love relationship with Me. Get to know Me. Adjust your life to Me. Let Me love you and reveal Myself to you as I work through you."

This describes me pretty well. I'm a doer. Sometimes I focus so much on what I need to get done, that I forget to just relax and spend



time with God. I forget to notice what He's doing around me and as a result I don't always involve myself in God's work.

How does this apply to our situation? Well, as I said before, even though we're anxious to get to Santa Barbara, we're trying to take advantage of our situation by getting involved in what God is doing in our church.

We've been involved in leading the youth ministry at our church, which means working with jr. highs and high schoolers. This is definitely a challenge for us but it is also a tremendous opportunity for us to influence the lives of some of the young people in our church.

Our prayer is that the Lord will reveal Himself to us as we involve ourselves in His purposes.

Please pray for our relationship with God. Also, please continue to pray for our support situation. It's our desire to go on a summer project, but it looks like we may not be able to unless we raise all of our support by May 15. We still need to raise about \$800 in new monthly support.

We appreciate all of you and the ministry you have in our lives!

Just Standing,

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- A Gallup poll indicated that the number one stress for baby boomers was incongruent values: saying God is first, but not making Him first.

- Howard Hughes was once asked, "How much money does it take to make a man happy?" He responded, "Just a little bit more!"