

Hold Onto God

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Deuteronomy 13:4 - It is the Lord your God you must follow, and Him you must revere. Keep His commands and obey him; serve Him and hold fast to Him.

It seems that the most innocent, simple projects that I help my husband with, can turn real complicated in a flash. For instance, in recent days, we were placing a 20 foot 18-inch plastic pipe into a water ditch.

Seemed simple enough.

After all, the pipe, being plastic, was not heavy at all. Soooooo, we rolled the pipe to the edge of the ditch and slowly lowered it into the 3-foot ditch. He was on the upper end and me on the lower end. I was quite pleased how easily this project had been completed, as I straightened up with my hands on my hips surveying my success!

However, he decided that we needed to move the pipe a few more inches up the ditch. No problem – just lift and walk forward up the ditch. Well, I lifted with ease and started to step forward – but I didn't go anywhere. He called out from the other end of the pipe to lift and push forward. Soooooo, I gave it the "ole heave ho" and once again no movement.

I then discovered that my muck boots were quickly sinking in very sucky mud!! Mud was getting higher on my boots with each push. When I tried to lift either foot, you would hear that horrible sucking mud sound, almost pulling my boot off!! I didn't dare let go of the pipe, or I would have fallen flat in the slippery mud.

No matter how much I tried to move forward, with all that mire, every time I held onto the pipe and pushed, I was, in fact, just pushing myself deeper and deeper down into the mire of mud.

I yelled for him to hold on a minute and he said, "all it takes is one big push." I laughed and said, "You need to look down here at me – I'm getting shorter with each push!"

Making sure that I never let go of the pipe, which would have been a disaster, I soon found a rock along the side the ditch that I could put my foot against and – voila! -- the pipe moved in place!! Project completed!!!

As I reflected on that funny situation and assessed how I could have handled it better, it was critically important, no matter what I would have done, that I never let go of the pipe. Without holding onto it, I would have continued to sink, with no hope of getting out of that sucky mud. There was no bottom to that mud. I would have just continued to sink. Just as it is vitally important that we hold onto God no matter what situation presents itself in our lives. We must never ever let go.

Prayer: Dear Lord, As we strive to follow You each day, may we feel the strength of Your grip, as we hold onto You. Guide us that we never let go of You and that we may never feel the muck and mire of the world close in around us, in Jesus name we pray. Amen.