

Isaiah 65:1 (NLT2)

The LORD says, "I was ready to respond, but no one asked for help. I was ready to be found, but no one was looking for me. I said, 'Here I am, here I am!' to a nation that did not call on my name.

Are you a CEO? No, not a Chief Executive Officer in the company you work for, but rather a Christmas and Easter Only (CEO) type of church goer? How do you know if you are? Well they are the ones who go to church on Christmas Eve and Easter only. Oh, they may go to church once in a great while during the year, but usually because there is some tragedy that has happened in their life. But they go twice a year because they think it's what you are supposed to do on Christmas Eve and Easter Sunday, yet God says in today's verse about these type of people, "***I was ready to be found, but no one was looking for me.***" because going to church seems to be the right thing to do, so they do it. But they are not there to truly celebrate the birth of Jesus or His resurrection and they are not even looking for Jesus.

But for these CEO's, I wonder if they know the entire gospel and the entire truth of God's word? Think about it, if you only go to church on Christmas Eve and Easter, what do you know about God, Jesus and the bible? What do you know about the Holy Spirit? Do you only know about Noah's Ark, Daniel in the Lions Den, and David and Goliath, because of what you may have heard in Sunday School as a child?

But every year during Christmas, the teaching we hear about has to do with the birth of Jesus. Now don't get me wrong, I am not saying that it's wrong, because the virgin birth of Jesus is extremely important. But that's all the CEO's know about, Jesus being born in a manger and wise men and shepherds, but they also celebrate Santa Claus, presents, Christmas trees, snow, food, parties, etc...

These CEO's come to church twice a year to get a drink of spiritual milk, but have never chewed on the goodness of God's word; therefore they don't have a relationship with the Lord or even know what being a Christian is, other than going to a birthday party at church for Jesus, and going to church on Easter to hear about how Jesus rose from the dead. It's almost like teaching a person that, "you are born and wear diapers, then you die", and that is what life is all about. But we know there are things that happen in everyone's lives, for all those years in between the diapers and death.

So for some of you, it may be time to stop being a CEO, and actually become a servant for the Lord. What's a servant for the Lord? It's what Jesus lived those in between years. You know the time between Christmas and Easter (CEO). And the only way you can find out how to live like that is by going to church every week and reading your bible everyday.

But even before you do that, you need to give your life to Jesus, you know that message you hear about every Easter about, Jesus Who died for your sins and will give you a new life as you walk with Him.

So don't wait until Christmas or the New Year to start doing this, but rather why not start now. Pick up your bible, or download a bible app and start reading it, then start going to church this Sunday, and keep going every Sunday, even after Christmas. If you do, I guarantee you will be a changed person before Easter, but you must take that first step yourself.

Or don't, and just be a grown up still drinking milk like a little baby and never enjoying a good, juicy steak, like an adult.

† **Hebrews 5:11-14 (NLT2)** *There is much more we would like to say about this, but it is difficult to explain, especially since you are spiritually dull and don't seem to listen. You have been believers so long now that you ought to be teaching others. Instead, you need someone to teach you again the basic things about God's word. You are like babies who need milk and cannot eat solid food. For someone who lives on milk is still an infant and doesn't know how to do what is right. Solid food is for those who are mature, who through training have the skill to recognize the difference between right and wrong.*