

## Job 34:21 (NLT2)

*For God watches how people live; he sees everything they do.*

In the work industry, when a project is going to happen or they are changing things, they have a presentation called “Seeing things at 10,000 feet” where they show you a big overview of what the changes are, but they don’t go into the fine details. It’s like watching the Superbowl from the blimp, where you see the entire playing field and all that’s going on from a high level, but not the details as far as what’s going on, on the field.

In yesterday’s devotional, I gave the following example that fits into today’s devotional as well:

*“How many watched the Super Bowl last Sunday and thought that the this guy should had run this way, and that guy should had blocked this other way, and the Quarterback should had thrown the ball to that other guy and not the one he threw it to so the other team intercepted the ball because he messed up and they should had listened to me and blah, blah, blah.”*

We do that because we do not see things from the playing field like the Quarterback or the other players on the field would. But if you were to put a Go Pro on the Quarterbacks helmet, you would be amazed based upon what the sees, how he still does everything that he does. But all we can say is, “*You bum, you should had out ran that guy, or that guy was wide open, why didn’t you throw it to him?*” Not realizing that you have a couple of guys that are 8 feet 9 inches tall, 350 pounds trying to tackle you and you only have a split second to make a decision on what to do with the ball or which way to run. But nooooo, we know so much better, or at least we think we do. Plus we don’t see what’s going in each players life or even what they are experiencing right there and then during the game. Maybe they have a leg or an ankle or a foot or an arm or whatever hurting really bad, but no one knows it, and seeing things from the blimp wont show that either. You would have to go down to the field and talk to that person at that moment to find out what’s going on. Or maybe try walking (or running) in their cleats if you really think you know better then he does.

But don’t we do that with others some times, not really knowing what’s going on in their life? The reason is, we only have a 10,000 foot view of what’s going on. We don’t know the details, or can’t see into their heart or the things that they have gone though in life, yet some people think that they know how to live life for that person and give them advise that they think they need. Yet Paul tells us, “***Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.***” **Philippians 2:3-4**

When people think that they know how to tell others how to live their life or how they should change their life to something that pleases them, then they are thinking more highly of themselves, and not truly thinking what's best for others. They are putting themselves in the place of God, wanting to change that person to be more like them, and not more like Jesus.

So this weekend, spend less time telling others what to do or how to change or even how to deal with something, and just stop and listen. Then, instead of giving them YOUR advice, why not just pray with him or her and let **GOD** guide them. Also, when you pray with them, don't use your prayers as a means to tell them what to do in your prayer. And don't tell God what to do either. I think He has this one covered, and doesn't need your help, other than to just loving that person the same way He does.

† **Galatians 6:1-3 (MSG)** *Live creatively, friends. If someone falls into sin, forgivingly restore him, saving your critical comments for yourself. You might be needing forgiveness before the day's out. Stoop down and reach out to those who are oppressed. Share their burdens, and so complete Christ's law. If you think you are too good for that, you are badly deceived.*