

HOW ARE YOU

I recently asked a friend of mine, “*So, how are you?*” Do you know what he said? He said, “*In all of the things that really matter I’m doing well.*” Wow, what a great answer.

The hardest question I’m ever asked is “How are you?” I never know how to answer. Most people don’t really mean it when they ask that question. Also, being the analytical type of person I am, I probably over-think my answer. Are they asking is my life trouble free? Well, no. Rarely is that the case. Do they mean how am I doing financially, or how am I doing at work, or is life smooth and easy?

That’s why I loved this answer, “In all of the things that really matter I’m doing well.” You see, how the world would answer this question and how the Lord Jesus would answer this question would be radically different.

Jesus said “Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests but the Son of Man has no where to lay his head.” That doesn’t exactly sound like someone who’d make the *Who’s Who* in *People Magazine*. Jesus didn’t say that greatness was measured by success or wealth or popularity, but rather by servant-hood. Life was not to be measured by the calmness of the sea and whether we had smooth sailing, but rather are we reaching the destination to which He’s called us?

Life is almost always full of bumps and hassles. Cars break down, parents die, kids make unwise decisions, there are difficult people we work with or attend church with who cause us grief. But are we doing well in what really matters? That is the question. How’s your prayer life? Are you walking in harmony with the Lord? Are you facing the battles in your life with faith, love and courage? Are you spending time in the Word. In what really matters, how are you really doing?