

Silence And Service

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Matthew 10:24-39

When 18th-century composer Ludwig van Beethoven began to go deaf he feared what it might mean. How could he continue with his music? Could he still compose?

Yet as he lapsed into a silent world, he discovered an inner gift that kept the music flowing. During this time he went on to create some of his greatest works, such as his renowned Ninth Symphony which was the basis for the classic hymn "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee." As he continued composing, he did it by focusing on his art and not his disability. When he lost himself in his craft he found a new life.

We might confront the same issue in our Christian life when we lose something we consider vital to our spiritual service. We might even think God considers us worthless because of the loss. However, God sees us as perfectly worthy to serve Him, with or without what we valued so much. And often when we can lose something we consider indispensable and then continue to serve Him, we find we have a new life of purpose.

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