



I DON'T WANT TO TIE A KNOT...

You've probably heard the old saying, "When you come to the end of your rope, tie a knot and hang on." I guess this saying is supposed to inspire and encourage you to keep going or hang on because help is on the way, or whatever trouble or frustration you are having will get better, eventually.

Well, sometimes I am at the point on the "rope" that I don't even want to tie a knot. I may be at the end of my rope and have no energy or motivation to tie the knot. I might be angry, tired, bitter, scared, frustrated, bewildered, doubtful, emotional, distraught, etc. etc. etc. I might be so full of self-pity that I just want to keep sliding down into the abyss.

I don't want to tie a knot, talk about it, hear advice about it, read my Bible, or even pray about it. I wouldn't even know what to pray even if I felt like praying. I would bet that you've felt the same way a time or two also.

So what are we to do? Well, sometimes there is nothing we can do. Nothing but leave it in the hands of God. He knows all about our "rope". He knows when we don't want to hang on. He knows when we are too weak and too weary to tie a knot. And He knows when we don't know how to pray or what to pray or even want to pray.

But God doesn't get mad at us or turn His back on us. Often, it's in the broken times that we feel His presence ever so close to us. We may not be able to touch it or see it, but He's there. His comfort is with us even when we choose to deny it. And His Word reassures us that in our weakness when we don't know how or what to pray, "the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express." (Romans 8:26)

I may not want to tie a knot, but God is quite capable of tying the knot, with or without my cooperation. And for that, I am forever grateful.

Be certain that God is quite capable of tying your knot too! Just hang on!

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