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This statement is spoken while sleeping, yet awakens me. The voice speaks quietly in a soft whisper, "Abandon to God! Then you will more clearly understand."

Sometimes I have found the Lord will speak words to me that I normally do not use in my vocabulary. Thus "abandon" caught my attention. The night before receiving this word I had been praying and asking the Lord about some problems and situations, being analytical and desiring to know the whys and how comes. We want to know the whole blueprint before we build.

To me abandon means to yield oneself unrestrainedly. God wants us to trust Him and yield ourselves even when we do not know all the answers to our questions, or even if He decides not to answer some questions. However, to abandon our wills to the Lord places us in a deeper state of peace, and eventually we will be given understanding. Understanding may be to simply trust and rely on God's wisdom without having to have matters explained to us. Often the wisdom from above is of this type. Though we do not like it, God may answer us but with replies such as: "trust Me", "wait", or "not now."

In the supernatural realm we may find that spiritual experience precedes understanding. Many are born again because they are convicted of sin by the Holy Spirit and confess Christ as Lord of their lives, yet these same souls may have no understanding whatsoever concerning the spiritual and legal ramifications. Even in speaking in tongues, we speak in mysteries and our understanding is bypassed. When we abandon our wills and questions to Christ, we are able to have peace of mind and soul---we are then trusting in God and His wisdom to do what is right when it is right. In being led of the Lord we must be careful to move as He directs whether we have understanding or not. Peace and the Holy Spirit's witness may be our only guidance, yet when understanding is needed we can be sure He will give it.

Let us abandon our all to Christ, and ask for grace to trust Him when our mind and lot appear to have so many unanswered questions. In so doing, we will find rest for our soul.