

The masters voice

I have a great dog named ZACK. I have had Zack now for about 6 years. He is now very obedient and loves on my kids like crazy, but when he was a puppy, I had to spend a lot of frustrating time trying to train him. We would go through commands over and over. Sit, heal, stay, stop, come, sit, heal, stay, come, etc. One day I had grown weary of him not getting it right so I decided to take him for a walk while I rode my bike. We were traveling through a wooded area when Zack spotted his favorite past time, a rabbit. The fast little critter led Zack in a few circles and darted across a busy street. Zack was in hot pursuit and was headed straight for the road with a very fast, very large truck headed his way. I yelled ZAAACK STOPPPPPPP!!!!!!!!!!!! Much to my surprise, he hit the brakes and rested on his rump just beside the road as the screaming truck zoomed by. No rabbit that day but no flat dog either. I have to wonder how many trucks I could have avoided in my life if I had only listened to my master. At the time Zack did not know why I was telling him to stop he just knew that he heard my voice and the word stop meant for him to do just that. Little did he know that the swoosh of wind that went by could have cost him dearly. I have also felt many swooshes as I have listened and obeyed and I am thankful that I serve a God that care enough to discipline me when I don't get it right in order to save me from getting flattened. It is also interesting that listening to God does not always mean to hit the brakes, sometimes it means go for it. Many times Zack now sees the rabbit and turns to me to ask permission to go after what he wants, I often reward him. It's nice when I feel like going after something and God say's go for it. We serve a great God and although we don't always understand why, to listen to His voice is a wise thing. May God bless you with the wisdom to avoid being a pancake!

"TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND LEAN NOT ON YOUR OWN UNDERSTANDING, IN ALL OF YOUR WAY ACKNOWLEDGE

HIM AND HE WILL MAKE YOU PATHS STRAIGHT." Prov. 3:5-6