

The Presence of God(dwell)

Dear Saints,

The process of intimacy is one that culminates in you being filled with the seeds of faith and impossibility. The results of that union with Him is what you proclaim and speak out. However, the process of that intimacy is too sacred an exchange between yourself and God to share. Preserve, protect and steward well these most precious threads of your life-tapestry that God is weaving.

Psalm 65:4 (NKJV) says to God that, "Blessed is the man You choose, And cause to approach You, That he may dwell in Your courts. We shall be satisfied with the goodness of Your house, Of Your holy temple." God alone knows what cause He was using to draw you there into His presence. He knows how even in drawing you to Himself, you will feel as if He is not there because of your pain.

In the process of intimacy, God desires to set His truth in the innermost parts and it is in some of our most vulnerable moments of weakness and poverty that He comes to do that. He does this to foster intimate connection through building trust in the purity of His heart toward you. First John 3:20 says, "For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things." In those moments where your heart condemns you and you cannot look at Him due to shame, God comes in to show Himself trustworthy and a pillar of strength in your weakness.

God comes in to settle anxious hearts and show Himself greater than the pain that causes you to self-medicate. Even when you don't understand all that is happening or you feel like you can't trust God and turn away, His lovingkindness draws you into love's embrace. He woos you with a song or with a word and warms your heart to turn to Him without fear. His perfect

love casts out fear so you turn your face to Him again.

This process of the turning is where the exchange takes place and your fear becomes faith. These moments are sacred between you and God but the product of that turning is the words that you then speak, your ability to dream, your ability to do the impossible; your ability to stand and your ability not to quit.

Saints, these intimate moments with God need to be preserved and kept pure that the world would see the fruit of intimacy that empowers you to give birth to His purpose. Protect what is sacred but let the world see the good works of God in and through you.

Then it will be as in Isaiah 4:1 where “...seven women shall take hold of one man, saying, ‘We will eat our own food and wear our own apparel; Only let us be called by your name, to take away our reproach.’” The glory on your life will cause people to take hold of you and say, “Show me your God, for your God is real!”

The journey of intimacy can be painstaking as He exposes your inner self to be seen by Him. God, in turn, covers you when you are undone that you would learn to trust Him again. Your whole world may lie on public display yet you can trust Him for in that vulnerability, He is building you with beauty.

The Lord is real and He is near to those who call on Him, and intimacy always brings conception for you to give birth to something bigger than yourself. Uncomfortable to carry and painful to birth as it may be, in Him and through Him, God makes all things possible. {eo2}

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