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Into Me See

What do you expect when someone gets close to you? Some are afraid that they will be hurt. Others literally expect betrayal. "It has happened before. Why would these people be any different?" Then there are those who won't even let others get that close to them. For them, it is not worth the risk. This makes it clear that many have issues with intimacy. Why is that important? They tend to carry these same issues into their relationship with the Lord. If you are going to carry the glory of the Lord, you are going to have overcome these things and pursue intimacy with Him to the point He can "into me see".

Psalms 139:1-4 ESV To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David. O LORD, you have searched me and known me! (2) You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar. (3) You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. (4) Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, you know it altogether.

John 3:19-21 ESV And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. (20) For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. (21) But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God."

The reality is that God already knows what is in your heart. You cannot hide a thing from Him. Coming face to face with this reality can be overwhelming. You start to feel powerless and hopeless. Is that not why many refuse to approach God? In your heart, you really know the darkness at work inside of you. There are a lot of painful and shameful things. You do not want to think about these things, much less process them. Therefore, when you notice God's light coming through His people, you back off, thinking it will only bring you more heartache. This is a trap meant to keep you a prisoner to your pain. It fails to consider the nature of the God who already can "into me see". How is that nature?

Matthew 11:28-30 ESV Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. (29) Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. (30) For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light."

He says here that He wants all of those struggling with darkness to come to Him. In Him you will find rest from that struggle. Why? It is because He is gentle enough to handle what you are dealing with without bringing you further pain. He has the right touch. Also, He is humble enough to not be scandalized by what He sees in you no matter how dark it is. Ultimately, it does not change His feelings for you. He still loves you profoundly. There is no need to hide from Him. He truly wants to help you.

This passage reveals so much about God's nature. You start resting in His love knowing that He accepts you and wants to help you. However, He knows how important productivity is. Each person likes to know that their lives count for something. For that reason, instead of just passively receiving His love, He gives you something to do. From that same place of "into me see" flows important activity. Having come to Him, you are now connected to Him. Though you are resting, He places His yoke upon you. Yokes are made for work. Because it is His yoke, it is the work that He is doing. Amazingly, He allows you to participate in His work. He is right there with You the whole time, guiding and empowering all that you do for Him. His glory comes forth in what you do for Him. Such a one loves to approach the Lord in His light. They know the good that comes from it. Are you such a one? You can be!

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