

God Himself Is In Us

Dear Friends

Hello once again! We hope in the midst of all the “busy-ness” of the week that you have been knowing the tender care of the Lord. Our hearts have been with you.

Isaiah 40:1-2 shares that God’s heart wants to comfort his Bride with the reality that her warfare is already accomplished. It says, “speak tenderly to Jerusalem and call out to her”... let her know that these issues have been paid for by the Lord’s hand. It then exhorts us to prepare ourselves for the Lord. How precious that He has taken such great care of us, and covered us on every front. We can bask in that great love and revel in the wonder of it all, but the time comes in the heart of a bride where she wants to begin to comfort Him and care for His needs. This blessed relationship of oneness can warm the heart of Jesus, even as it warms ours.

Rather than expecting the Lord to always come and do something to care for us, we can begin to acknowledge that He has done the greatest thing ever... put His Life in us. Instead of seeking Him to pour more over us, we can release our faith for Him to bubble up and pour out of us from deep within to others. As we allow Christ to come forth, the water is pure and not contaminated because Christ is the source and not ourselves. We may feel horrible, like we are stuck in a rut with no way out. It is at this time that we can remember, “Our warfare is accomplished and we are one with Jesus right now. By faith I want to clear the way for Him to come out of me right in the middle of the rocky wilderness of my wayward soul and messed-up mind!! Stand back, devil... move over soul, watch out horrible circumstance... Here comes Jesus as rivers of living water pouring out from my innermost being! He is my refreshing! He is my deliverance! And most importantly... He is my life!!!

Whatever stage we are at in the journey of being conformed to His image, He is our refuge, and we are covered by His wings. Even though we may be just starting in the process, we are always at the “end’ in the sense of being one with Him through it all! . If the goal for our lives is to be in Christ, and to live by what is Christ, then we will abide with Him

through whatever circumstances come our way, whether good or bad. Our reactions can be based on His Life within us, not our own thoughts or feeling or emotions. We are forsaking our lives for His life, and that is what a Bride does. The bride heart says, “right now I am complete and accepted in Him, and I choose to rest in Him”.

With loving exhortation we want to encourage one another that today, right now, is the day of salvation! Jesus is in us, and no emotion, failure or situation is going to change that. We can let our hearts be soft to that reality and by true faith we can enter into the land, living by oneness rather than by what we see and feel. Above all else, we are one with Jesus, and as His bride we can release His sweet spirit even when we are broken and needy in ourselves. He is the treasure, and we are the vessel. The excellence is not of us (thank God!!!), and so we can pour Him out even if the cup is chipped and needy. May the reality of our oneness with Christ comfort and strengthen us so that we can continue to pour out His Life for others. Because He is the source, the flow is endless and pure. Even when we feel that we are empty and have nothing to offer, because He is the source the Life can continue to flow and flow and flow,...

Abiding together as One Bride in His heart!

The Women of Fire