

I Am Happy You Came

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After an encounter with the Divine in prayer and we get a glimpse of hope, as we unburden our heart, pains, released our unworthiness and cluelessness in life's many problems, we should be able to say, "I am happy You came."

- When Moses was asked by God to speak to the rock so that his people will have water to drink, he felt happy. In his mind it would have been, "I thank you God for your intervention."
- The woman at the well, did not mince words when she told Jesus, "Sir, I can see that you are a prophet".
- Every genuine encounter with the Lord, will always leave us grateful and ready to express it. The Lord will always meet us at our time of need. The Lord gives healing to our broken heart.

Gospel: John 4:5-42; this passage gives us so many reasons to talk about the priceless gift of God to humanity.

- From this story, we know that it is God who is thirsty for us and that He expect us to reciprocate by tracing our steps back to Him always. We are to respond with humility when God reveals Himself to us through letting us know how much we have hurt Him with our sin.
- When God calls, He does so with good purpose; and when He urges us back to Him, He does so to heal us. For God creates every life innocent until that life is corrupted by environment, bad judgement, bad friends and evil desires.
- The woman at the well, apart from being a Samaritan by birth, until meeting Jesus, she knew that she was not living a life worthy of the child of God. Her presence at the well at this time of the day (at noon), was to avoid the company of the people in Samaria who know her well and also, it was a time when visitors - wayfarers - came to and they met with people of easy virtues.
- On this day, she met with Jesus, who had come not to drink from the water in the well, but to offer her the real water of life. To offer her consolation, relief, redemption and restoration.
- "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked Him and He would have given you living water."
- As the discussion was going towards a revelation and restoration, I can almost hear the woman saying in her heart, "How can you restore me back to life? With my way of life, I have lost every good relationship including that of God. My life has been miserable so much so that I have known betrayal and divorce, I have known depression and the consequences of bad judgement, I have gone through the crisis of drug use. I have known heart break, hurt, shame, fear and I am living in a profound sense of scantiness".

Once we take off our masks, once we expose our ruins, we give God the permission to come into us and we also allow others to experience God genuinely as we do now.

- Jesus reached across the barriers of race, gender, shame and guilt, He reached across the barriers between good and bad and other prejudices. His mission was to restore and this cannot be distracted by any human barriers.
- Jesus is the living water that fills the void of our lives. This is the living water that never run dry or tire of us.
- Psalm 37:4-6; Find your delight in the Lord who will give you your heart's desire. Commit your way to the Lord; trust that God will act and make your integrity shine like the dawn, your vindication like noonday."
- Jesus is not daunted by our sin. He is not surprised by our evil desires. "... He is always able to save those who approach God through Him, since He lives forever to make intercession for them." (Hebrews 7:25)
- He invites us to let our life overflow into the exaltation of the Messiah. The living water that is given to us so freely in Christ should become the spring of our life. "Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." (John 4:13-14)
- Coming to this water of life is the greatest thing that can ever happen to us.
- The Israelites in Exodus 17:3-7, tasted this spring of life while in the desert with Moses. In the face of their mistrust, Moses believed in the power of God to deliver and save them from thirst. He prayed to God and he was answered.