

Daily Devotional, September 20, 2021 Trusting in God's Covenant With Us

"Is anyone thirsty? Come and drink— even if you have no money! Come, take your choice of wine or milk— it's all free! Why spend your money on food that does not give you strength? Why pay for food that does you no good? Listen to me, and you will eat what is good. You will enjoy the finest food. "Come to me with your ears wide open. Listen, and you will find life. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, I will give you all the unfailing love I promised to David. Isaiah 55:1-3 (NIV)

In the midst of recent events, I have found invitations to be somewhat challenging. Sometimes I can say, "Yes," while other times I feel I must say, "No." However, when I sit down and read this invitation in Isaiah 55, I am overcome with peace. The good news is that God's invitation is consistent and true. He only asks that we come and receive.

God invites us all, those in need and those in plenty, to tune our ears to His voice. God promises fullness and delight if we sit at God's feet and listen. God invites us to be satisfied by God's goodness. "Come," God says. And we can say, "Yes," and move toward God with assurance that we will be sustained. What an incredible invitation!

I love Henri Nouwen's words, "This is the mystery of the Christian life—to receive a new self-identity, which depends not on what we can achieve but on what we are willing to receive."

While my daily life in recent times may look quite different than it did before, I am reminded that there is true fulfillment in my intimacy with the Lord. In fact, God promises, "I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David." This promise does not depend on my actions. It only depends on my devotion to the One who loves me best.

I am confident that we are far better equipped for the work of restoration in our region and our world when we make space to respond to God's invitation. In receiving, God spurs us all on to join Him in kingdom work. In devotion, God transforms us.

FOR REFLECTION: 1. WHERE DO YOU TURN IN LIFE TO FIND FULFILLMENT AND MEANING?

2. HOW CAN YOU CREATE SPACE IN YOUR LIFE TO RECEIVE GOD'S GOODNESS?

3. YOU BELIEVE THAT GOD HAS MADE AN EVERLASTING COVENANT WITH YOU?

PRAYER: Lord, thank you for calling me to Yourself daily. Thank You for Your everlasting goodness, that satisfies and sustains. Thank You for asking me to join You and for equipping me with Your Spirit. Draw me to You in times of need and times of Spirit. In times of need and in times of plenty. . In Your Holy Name we pray. Amen.