

Daily Devotional, September 22, 2021 An Open Invitation

“Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and you will delight in the richest of fare. Give ear and come to me; listen, that you may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David. Isaiah 55:1-3 (NIV)

In the recent year, from a health perspective, I have found invitations to be challenging. Sometimes I can say, “Yes,” while other times I feel I must say, “No.” However, when I sit read this invitation in Isaiah 55, I am overwhelmed with peace. The good news is that God’s invitation is consistent and true. God only asks that we come and receive.

God invites us all, those in need and those in plenty, to adjust our ears to His voice. God promises fullness and delight if we sit at His feet and listen. God invites us to be satisfied by His goodness. “Come,” He says. We can say, “Yes,” and move toward Him 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 these last 18 or so month may have looked 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 an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David.” This promise does not depend on my actions. It only depends on my devotion to the One who loves me most.

I am confident that we are far better equipped for the work of restoration in 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.

Lord, Thank You for calling me to You 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 near to You in times of need and in times of plenty and may I never lose sight of who my provisions come from. In Your Holy name, Amen.