



Thoughts for the Journey With God No Place/No Reason to Hide

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God created each of us with a purpose in mind; that is, a general purpose and a unique purpose and call for each individual. (For today we will focus on the general purpose.)

God's general purpose is for us to learn to walk with him as his children in companionship and fellowship. He longs to fulfill his purpose of bringing us into a full and complete father/child relationship. He wants us to be with him—to walk with him.

The question is, *Do I really want to walk with him?*

The Bible reminds us of what it was like with Adam and Eve before the Fall—before sin entered the world.

Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, "Where are you?" He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid (Gen. 3:8-10).

One of the reasons we resist walking with God is because we fear our nakedness will be exposed. We see here that Now...the man and his wife (Adam and Eve) are painfully aware of their nakedness. The only thing to do when I realize I am naked (and in public view) is to run and hide. I look around me for a hiding place. And, I find there are all kinds of trees out there to hide behind.

God wants to walk with me and I am hiding behind a "tree," unaware of how exposed I really am. So...I let God walk on by himself and I continue to hide.

But God is pursuing me. He knows exactly where I am trying to hide. He calls out, *Where are you?* even though he knows where I am. He sees my nakedness...and he understands my resistance, my shame, and my feeble attempts to cover-up.

In spite of all he sees and knows, he reaches out with a gracious invitation, *Come, my child. Let's go for a walk so we can talk about this.*

So somewhat reluctantly, I come out from my hiding place and rejoin my walk with my Father 1 God. The air is clear, and we can talk. I know I am loved and have no reason to fear condemnation for being so reluctant to walk with him.

I begin to understand slowly, and incrementally that...

There is a redeemer,
Jesus, God's own Son,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Holy One,

Jesus my redeemer,
Name above all names,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Oh, for sinners slain.

Thank you oh my father,
For giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit,
'Til the work on Earth is done.

When I stand in Glory,
I will see His face,
And there I'll serve my King forever,
In that Holy Place.

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God wants to walk with you on your journey. Are you hiding from him?