

RETURN TO THE PLACE OF FELLOWSHIP

"Come, let us return to the LORD; for he has torn us, that he may heal us; he has struck us down, and he will bind us up"

(Hosea 6:1)

God is calling us back to fellowship. You will see "return to the LORD" several times in scriptures. He made us for fellowship. We missed it through the fall of our first parents, but Jesus came to restore us back to fellowship by shedding His blood to remove our sins that separated us from God. He says, "return" and He will build us up *"If you return to the Almighty you will be built up..." (Job 22:23)*

God is love and is passionately calling us to Himself. Many times, many believers feel guilty for missing it in their walk with God. No matter how torn and struck down you feel just return to God because He is more than willing to accept you. There is a heart cry in everyone in the world for God. Those who are able to receive Jesus as their Lord and Saviour are blessed to fill the vacuum in their hearts. They feel settled and at peace with God. Those who are not able to have access to the gospel still wander in search for God and many find alternatives in wrong religions. They seem to fill an empty place in their heart for a while but most do not feel at peace and at ease with God. When they find Jesus Christ, then they realize that they have wandered hopelessly in darkness.

God wants you to lift up your fellowship life with Him. That is why we make effort in many ways to

connect to God. Our first effort is to pray. We need to spend time with God in prayer. Prayer is not only meant for asking God things. Prayer is a fellowship we enjoy. When you feel sinful and guilty God says come and let us reason together: *"Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow..." (Isaiah 1:18)* When Jesus came to the world, He still threw this invitation to people to come to Him. He reached out His hand to many people. He said, *"²⁸Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls...: (Mat 11:28-29)*

Our fellowship with God is supposed to be restful and end up in rest from all spiritual and life's labours. We must make time with God. Now we do not see Jesus but the Holy Spirit is here for fellowship. If it matters to us and we value God and a time with Him, we will certainly make time to be with Him.

PRAYER & CONFESSION

Holy Spirit, I love your presence in fellowship with me.