



## *Day One: Do Not Disturb My Love*

There is an interesting warning in the Song of Songs. We see it first right after the Shulamite woman is resting in His Presence and has just received revelation of His love and how He sees her. She says, *'His left hand cradles my head while His right hand holds me close. I'm at rest in this love!'* (Song of Songs 2:6 TPT). Immediately afterwards, the Bridegroom-King (representative of Jesus) says, *Do not disturb My love until she is ready to arise* (Song of Songs 2:7 TPT). He even says it again in Song of Songs 3:5. What does that mean?

It means that there is a time to just stay there and soak in His love, and to soak in His revelation of who we are, before we climb the mountains to wage warfare with Him, and build the Kingdom of God on this earth. It is so easy to slip back into our same practices of running and running. In fact, once we've come to realise and receive His great love for us, there's actually the danger that we will quickly jump back up from resting in His arms of love and become even more passionate about DOING FOR Him in our joy. But this is not about DOING. It's about BEING WITH Him. The snare of religion tells us that we love Him by serving Him. His love tells us that we love Him by BEing one with Him.

In fact, God tells us to enter once into His rest (see Hebrews 4), and He never wants us to leave this place of rest, whether we are walking or working (Matthew 11:28 – 30 MSG). We will, of course, do things, but they will be done out of His life and His strength working through us, not by our fevered energy and zeal, even if it is fuelled by love for Him.

He wants us to stay in His rest and soak in His love until we are truly ready to arise. And we'll know that we're ready to arise when it is a natural outflowing of our abiding in His Presence with Him, not something we manage, control or require from ourselves because we feel like we 'have to get up and do something'. As His people are receiving this revelation, many are going into extended periods of quietness and rest at His leading. In these times, the flesh is often screaming because it wants to get up and run, but while it's still screaming, we are not ready to arise, because there is still some sense of identity for us which is held in 'doing'.

**We are ready to arise when we can BE still and our 'BEing' is enough.**

After all, the Bridegroom-King did not mention the mountains from which they would wage warfare together, until not only she knew, but also He knew that



she was ready to arise. When she had soaked in His love and she could see herself as His bride (her sense of identity, her BEing had changed), that's when He said, "Now you are ready, bride of the mountains..." (Song of Songs 4:8 TPT).

We should never arise and hurry back into DOING because we think it's the right thing to do, religion requires it of us, we feel guilty, or someone else is expecting something of us. We should only arise to the mountains when we hear His voice in the secret place saying, "NOW YOU are ready." If we do anything for any other reason other than His voice prompting us, we will feel just like we and the Shulamite woman did in the beginning...

***Song of Songs 1:6 (TPT) ...I have faced the angry glare of my brothers as they appointed me guardian of their ministry-vineyards, yet the care of my vineyard-within I've neglected.***

This is the picture of a woman who has served, served, served, focussed on DOING and fulfilling the expectations of others, yet she has never just rested and soaked in His love and intimacy, to simply BE with Him and discover what He has planted within her. Until He says we are ready to arise, we simply need to BE. Be with Him and learn to live in the secret place. We can be excited about the story, the victory and the mountaintops, but as the Bride, we are always to BE with Him.

## Soak Time

Has HE told you that you are ready to arise?

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In what ways have you become the guardians of the ministry-vineyards of your 'brothers' while neglecting the care of your own vineyard-within?

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## *Day Two: Wasted Perfume or Precious Treasure?*

When we decide to rest in His Presence until He tells us we are ready to arise, we must be warned... not everyone will like it. In Song of Songs 5:7, as the Shulamite woman was intensely seeking her Bridegroom-King, the overseers (representative of religious leadership in the church) happened to find her as they made their rounds. *"They beat me and bruised me until I could take no more. In my wounding they removed their "covering" from me..."* Even the spiritual leadership around her did not understand her longing for Him and berated her for it.

There are some people whose hearts are tied to religion. There are others whose hearts are tied directly to Jesus. Your passion will awaken those with hearts directly tied to Jesus... but it will offend those who hold religion in the highest esteem. They will tell you that you can't be spiritual DOING nothing. But you are not doing nothing. You are BEING until His love for you can never be shaken again, and your identity becomes fully found in who He is in you. If you attempt to wage warfare on the mountains before this arising in your heart happens, you will either be shadow boxing, warring against the wrong enemies, or become easily defeated because you will do it in your strength. But if you will arise in the fullness of His life and His love in you, there is no weapon formed against you that will prosper, because you will be established in love and righteousness.

➤ **See:** Isaiah 54:10 – 17

He won't ask you to arise to the mountains until you are ready.

Anything we want to see manifested externally, first begins internally. Religion says that only what we DO is important. Religion prizes and values action, activity and 'progress' it can measure. But our Bridegroom-King values and prizes our BEing one with Him. This is a time of meditation, rest and stillness, where His life in us becomes as much reality to us as our hands that we can see with our natural eyes, and as much our sense of identity as recognising our own face in a mirror.

There is little Doing in this time. There is simply BEing. And the Lord knows when our BEing has become our reality. We may not feel ready, but He will tell us when it's time to arise... when we are ready to allow His Spirit within us to



emerge as our life and we will thereafter live from the inside-out, not the outside-in.

The Kingdom of God operates differently to our western culture (which unfortunately the church has often embraced along with the world). The Kingdom values Jesus, time with Jesus, relationship, intimacy, meditation, identity and BEing. Consider Mary, who anointed Jesus' feet with perfume (see John 12:1 – 8). She even wiped his feet with her own hair and tears! There's a song about her by Bethel Worship, which says, "I'm going to waste it all on you." The religious people were offended. They saw it as a waste because there's something they could have DOne with that perfume (sold it and given it to the poor). But to Jesus, her BEing with Him was a precious treasure.

We also see it in the account of Mary and Martha where Martha was busily serving and DOing, but Mary was sitting at Jesus feet. Jesus told Martha that Mary had chosen the better thing, which was simply to BE in relationship and intimacy with Him. It's time to stop emphasising the DO. If you want to birth something, just BE. He will conceive it, He will nurture it, and it will be beautiful. It is not only OK to rest until He says to arise in the power of His life in you... it is the better way despite your anxiety or the anxiety of those around you who can only see the value in what we DO.

## Soak Time

Have you ever really learned how to BE? Or has your life been consumed and prized by DOing?

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What is Holy Spirit saying to you about how to value this precious treasure in your life?

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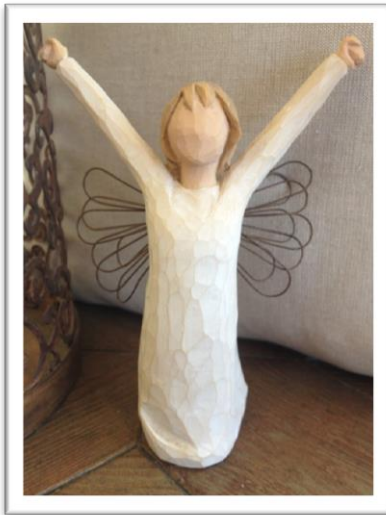
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### *Day Three: Serving or Soaking?*

BEing and simply soaking in His Presence doesn't always feel like it comes naturally to us. This was certainly the case for me – I thought I would burst with all of the many things I wanted to DO for my King! My natural inclination was always getting the job done and seeing the victory – all motivated out of a zealous heart of love for Him! Yet I still didn't know how much He loved me, who I was, nor was their fruitfulness in my life. I was almost burned out!

Then my beautiful Father caught my attention through something very simple



– a few Willow Tree carved angels that silently spoke volumes to me! I had loved them but didn't own any, until one day I'd saved the money to get just one of these beautiful angels. I searched online for which one to order and I wanted to find one which I felt was the most significant to who I felt I was and what I was believing for my life, and I chose this angel with her arms raised in victory.

It felt to me like it signified the completion of my destiny. Being victorious for Him and expanding His Kingdom. DOing all that was in my heart to do.

It arrived and I excitedly put it on the shelf and I loved and admired it... but it didn't feel right, though I wasn't sure why.



I believe that the next one was given to me as a gift, and it was a beautiful angel thoughtfully holding a rose to her heart. To me, it symbolised the giving of a gift. God showed me that it was symbolic of my giving His love, sharing His love, loving others and loving those around me. I knew He was saying that actually this loving others came first – before the victory. So I displayed them in order. Yet somehow, it still didn't feel right.





However, when I saw this angel with her arms held to her chest, I knew it was the missing one – the one God wanted me to put first.

I could see that she's in love, she's receiving, she's connected to His heart, she's enjoying intimacy and oneness with Him... she's living in the secret place! And He showed me that without that intimacy of oneness in the secret place with Him - without that BEing - we cannot love others and we cannot live in victory. Yet, when we put that oneness, intimacy and BEing first, a

supernatural love for others will naturally flow out of our hearts, and victory will be inevitable. I keep these angels in order as a reminder that if I will BE with Him, the DOing will be effortless, fruitful and anointed.



## Soak Time

What order have you had your 'angels' in?

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## *Day Four: Inevitable Victory*

When we rest until He says we are ready to arise, and then we arise in the power of His life in us, what happens? Where does this take us? There is only one inevitable destination - VICTORY. HIS VICTORY!

***Song of Songs 2:4 (TPT)*** *I see His unfurled banner of victory covering me with His unrelenting love Divine.*

You see, He has said that He will change us from glory to glory (see 2 Corinthians 3:18). We are meant to be successful and why wouldn't we be – the Victorious One lives in us! We are one with the One who is victorious in all things.

In the Song of Songs, the Bridegroom King calls her *Bride of the Mountains* (Song of Songs 4:8), right after the Shulamite says “Yes, I will be your bride”. He tells her how beautiful she is and what they will do together on those mountains, and how they will wage warfare together. She knows now that she is going WITH Him – she will never again be trying to make something happen in her own strength. And only one thing happens on the mountaintops when we're with Him: Victory!

*“You are in Him and all He has is yours. His every victory is yours.” Jim Richards*

We know who we are looking at when we see if the idea of being on the mountaintops makes us excited and fearless about this victory, or if we still think it's impossible.

*“The truth is, they knew God was able. They had seen all His works as they had come out of Egypt. They had seen Pharaoh and his armies defeated. They had seen the miracle of the Red Sea parting. They had experienced enough miraculous phenomena with God that they should have had no problem believing His promise. The fact of the matter is that they really didn't trust themselves. Like us, they had no problem believing in the mighty power of God. The Israelites believed His every promise - until it had to be done through them...they trusted God's power until they had to trust it to work through them.” Jim Richards*



If the idea of the mountaintops fills us with excitement, we know that we feel established in our oneness with the Victorious One. If, however, the idea of the mountaintops fills us with fear, we know that we are still looking at ourselves. Our old identity is gone. We are now simply one with Him and we can't fail.

All He asks us to do is...

*"Receive the Holy seed, conceive the miraculous and birth the impossible."*

We're either going to stay in the shadows, afraid to look inside our hearts. Or we're going to say *"Yes! I'm going to the mountaintops with you! Your unfurled banner of victory is over my head and I'm marching with your heart as my heart and your victory as my victory and let's see this unfold together..."* And when we do, here's what happens by looking at how it all unfolds for the Shulamite Bride in Song of Songs:

### **1. She Becomes Part of His Army**

***Song of Songs 6:10 (TPT)*** *Look at you now – arising as the dayspring of the dawn, fair as the shining moon. Bright and brilliant as the sun in all its strength. Astonishing to behold as a majestic army waving banners of victory!*

His Army is not an Army of fighters. Jesus has already paraded satan and made an open spectacle of Him. His Army is an Army of lovers. He asks us to advance with Him. He asks us to believe big with Him. In the same way she went from not being able to believe who she was, to believing and experiencing it, He will expand our minds about what He's about to do through us.

### **2. She Awakens the Hearts of Others**

Our Bridegroom King's discipleship plan is to awaken the sleeping ones with our passion for Jesus.

***Song of Songs 7:11 - 12 (TPT)*** *Come away, my Lover, Come with me to the far away fields. We will run way together to the forgotten places and show them redeeming love. Let us arise and run to the vineyards of Your people to see if the budding vines of love are now in full bloom! We will see if their passion is awakened. There I will display my love for You! (The Shulamite Bride)*





***Song of Songs 6:1 (TPT)*** O rarest of beauty, where then has your Lover gone? We long to see Him too! Where may we find Him? As you seek after Him we will follow you. (N.B. The Brides-to-Be asking the Shulamite Bride)

***Song of Songs 7:9 (TPT)*** ...Your kisses of love awaken even the lips of sleeping ones to kiss Me as you have done. (The Bridegroom King to His Bride)

### **3. She Fulfils Her Destiny**

And in loving Him, and through her love awakening the passion of others, she fulfils her destiny. She lives the story that He died for. It's not about us – it's always about Him and He shed blood for our destinies.

***Song of Songs 7:4 (TPT)*** Your life now stands tall as a tower; like a shining light on a hill. Your revelation-eyes are pure, as pools of refreshing; sparkling light for a multitude!

**We are each destined to shine for Him because we shine WITH Him!**



Does the idea of the mountaintops excite you or scare you? What Has He shown you is going on in your heart?

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## *Day Five: Beautiful Bride in Australia*

If we will live in the restful intimacy of His love and Arise when He says we are ready, we will find that the glory which arises and shines from us will not just be a little candle – it will be a blazing torch that will affect whole nations. No one says it better than Heidi Baker:

*"We can only find rest in the secret place of God's heart. There we will lie down and we will listen until God tells us to stand up. But when we do stand up, whole nations will run to Jesus." Heidi Baker (Compelled by Love)*

You are part of His beautiful Bride in our nation of Australia. Read and receive the following portions of a prophetic word by Maria Mason (of Byron Bay), which was given on Australia Day 2014.

***Beautiful Bride in Australia, now is the time of new beginnings! We are in a season where all things are becoming NEW. The old is passing away, and the new is coming! It is a season of laying to rest the things of the past. Stepping up into the new things, new plans and new purposes that I have for you as a Bride here in this nation.***

***The old is passed away and this is a new time to build. I am releasing fresh blueprints for a holy temple in this nation that can house my Glory. I am releasing divine plans and purposes and I am coming with an increase of power to confirm my word and works.***

***I have poured out my Sprit in hungry places and I will pour out my Sprit in Australia in the places where I am longed for. This is a time to go to the high places and holler out your praise and your desire. I will give you the desire of your heart. I will pour into you what you long for. According to My plans and My purposes I will establish my Kingdom in you and through you. Australia this is your greatest hour!! I want and need your full attention for My Spirit to accomplish all that I desire in this nation and in the South Pacific region.***

***The lovers in the mountains:***

***This is a year of transformation. Living from the high places is the word for this nation! Australia... come up above what is happening. The world will have trouble but I have called you to live in the mountains of my love.***



***The lovers of the cross .... the wild ones... are un-offendable because they live for Me. Australia is raising up an army of wild ones!! They will stop at nothing to do what I desire.***

***Australia I love you and I honour you my bride. You will shine in these days with radiant love of the Father and the Son. Be sure and confident in My love. I am your all sufficiency and will never ever leave your side. You are mine. A nation called to shine! You're beautiful! A nation destined for glory!! Get ready for the best is yet to come!! Get ready for the next wave!!!***

## *Soak Time*

What is the Lord saying to your heart? What part does He have for you to play in this, as His beautiful Bride in Australia? Are you one of His wild ones?

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