



Day One: The Curtain was Torn in Two!

It bears pondering on. Stop and think about what this scripture REALLY means.

1 Corinthians 6:17 (NKJV) *But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him.*

This is talking about who we are Christ. It doesn't say we have to BECOME one spirit with Him in the future some time. It says we ARE one spirit with Him - NOW. The key is whether we are experiencing this as truth on a moment-by-moment basis. It's true whether or not we feel it, but we certainly won't feel it unless we stay in a place of communion with Him and awareness of Him.

The original Greek word used here for 'joined' (kollao) means *to glue, to stick, cleave, join and keep company*. Our spirits are joined together eternally through our salvation and we become the righteousness of God in Jesus at that very moment – because He moves in! He's there, whether we feel like it's true or not. We are eternally 'glued', 'stuck', 'cleaved' and 'joined' to Him. Whether or not our soul (our mind, will and emotions) chooses to line up with that truth is a whole other matter, but as we focus on Him, we will begin to experience it as truth – NOW truth!

It goes on in verse 19 (AMP) to say: Do you not know that your body is the temple (the very sanctuary) of the Holy Spirit Who lives within you, Whom you have received [as a Gift] from God?...

He lives in you – YOU are His home! You have His heart! THIS is the work of oneness that Jesus came to restore. This is His heart's desire... His compelling purpose!

Why is it that the first thing that happened when Jesus died was that the curtain of temple was torn in two?

Matthew 27:50 – 51 (AMP) *And Jesus cried again with a loud voice and gave up His spirit. And at once the curtain of the sanctuary of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom...*

God could have chosen all sorts of things to do as the first act immediately following Jesus' death. But He tore the curtain from the top to the bottom! Why? He was making a statement that His Spirit would no longer be restrained to a room in the temple – He would now dwell in the hearts of men! That His



longing for so many thousands of years was finally being fulfilled! It was like God was jumping up and down and letting out a 'Woo-Hoo!' of excitement while punching the air in victory! Jesus had done it and now He could have back what they had wanted for so long – connection with the heart of mankind! It was an unquestionable statement that it was all about oneness.

The curtain was that which separated the Holy Place from the Most Holy Place – where the Ark of the Covenant and therefore the Presence of God was.

➤ **See:** Exodus 26:31 – 35.

In the Old Testament, the tabernacle (the temporary building – a tent taken with the Israelites across the wilderness) and then the temple (the permanent building) were where the Spirit of God dwelled... and only the priests or the High Priest could go in there, and only at very limited times.

However, from the time Jesus died and was resurrected and the Holy Spirit came – in the New Testament - WE became the temple! Our hearts became the Most Holy Place. And we can not only come and go at limited times – we can LIVE there in the Most Holy Place WITH Him because we have His heart, His Spirit dwells in us and He has restored the oneness.

Believe it or not... feel it or not - We truly are **one with Him!**



See yourself in this Scripture and ask Jesus to show you what it really means: **1 Corinthians 6:17 (NKJV)** *But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him.*

What does it mean to you that God's first act was to tear the curtain in two?



Day Two: Jesus Sings a Song of Oneness

We are one with Him! Unimaginable! Incredible! And oh, so true! His blood was poured out for this very purpose... and the Bible is overflowing with references and stories which clearly show this. It's impossible to escape it once you've seen it! You will see oneness everywhere that you look because it is the very theme of Jesus life! It can be found in all manner of Bible books, chapters and verses... some extremely obvious and others as the treasure we discover when we dig a little deeper.

One of the most beautiful pictures of Jesus' heart for oneness is also what we discover when we read the most amazing song of all... the song of oneness Jesus sings over us... the **Song of Songs**.

While often mistaken for a book on the love between a man and a woman, the Song of Songs is in fact an allegory of our journey with Jesus. This is our love story... it is the ultimate story of becoming one with our King and each other.

When we read the story from the perspective of the Shulamite bride as the bride of Christ (that's us!), and the Bridegroom-King (or Solomon) as Jesus, we discover the very heart of Jesus to be one with His bride. It is by far the overriding theme!

From the beginning, the Shulamite represents someone who is saved, who loves Him... but doesn't have an experiential knowledge of the oneness that she has with Him. She sees herself as separate to Him, though she wants to know Him more. She says:

Song of Songs 1:4 - 5 (TPT) *Draw me into Your heart and lead me out, We will run away together – into Your cloud-filled chamber... I know I am so unworthy – so in need!*

She feels dark and dry and looks only at who she thinks she is. He, on the other hand, KNOWS who she is, He knows His Spirit is within her and He speaks to that identity inside of her. He tells her she is lovely... He likens her to the Holy Place (Song of Songs 1:5 TPT). She responds to Him and says,

Song of Songs 1:6 (TPT) *For I wish to be wrapped all around you, It is You I long for with no veil between us!*



Isn't this the longing of every lover of Jesus! To be entwined with Him and to see Him with no veil between Him and us!

But **the curtain has already been torn! We already have this!** We only need to believe it! Unfortunately, we are often like the Shulamite woman who, in chapter 2 (verses 16 – 17) is unable to believe it enough to step into it.

However, our Jesus is patient, and He'll wait for us to see it, to believe it, and to align ourselves with it until the truth of our oneness with Him becomes our very identity! When the Shulamite woman decides to believe Him, she begins to experience this oneness for herself.

Soak Time

This week would be a great opportunity to read the Song of Songs. You may want to read the entire book in one sitting. You may want to read a chapter each day. But as you read, ask Holy Spirit to show you the Song of Songs with fresh eyes. Can you hear Jesus' heart of oneness in this song?



Day Three: He's is Still Singing!

The Song of Songs was written thousands of years ago, but it was not a historical, one-time event! It has been the song Jesus has sung over us from before the foundation of the world, and He's still singing it today! He wants us to hear what is contained within it! He wants us to know what He came for! He wants us to believe it, experience it and live it!

Just look at the language of oneness! And read these words from the Song of Songs, knowing that this is what Jesus speaks over YOU! It's what He desires for YOU to experience with and in Him!

Song of Songs 4:11 (TPT) ...For I find the Promised Land flowing within you... My darling bride, fastened to My heart. A secret spring are you that no one else can have – My bubbling fountain hidden from public view.

Song of Songs 4:15 (TPT) Your life flows into Mine pure as a garden spring – a well of living water springs up from within you. You are like a mountain brook flowing into My heart!

Song of Songs 6:4 (TPT) ...When I see you in your beauty I see a radiant city, where we will dwell as one.

Song of Songs 7:2 (TPT) Out of your innermost being is flowing the fullness of My Spirit...

Song of Songs 7:8 (TPT) ...I will take hold of you with My power, possessing every part of My fruitful bride. Your love I will drink as wine, and your words will be Mine.

Song of Songs 8:5 (TPT) ...She arises from her desert of difficulty clinging to her Beloved...

Look at this - He even calls her His equal! How can He do that? Remember, we are His kind, created after His likeness, and it is His Spirit that dwells within us.

Song of Songs 4:9 (TPT) For you reach into My heart. With one flash of your eyes I am undone by your love, My beloved one, My equal, My bride.

Can't you hear the passionate longing in this? He wanted to restore the oneness with us so much that it drove Him to go to the cross for us. And now



that it's been restored, He desperately wants us to know and believe it! For until we do, His sacrifice was in vain. It's like a billion dollars tucked away in a bank account with our name on it... that we know nothing about! It's always there, ready to be accessed, but we actually have to access it to receive any benefit from it! We have to make a withdrawal from the account!

It's almost too amazing to conceive. Yet these words are that which our Jesus speaks over us, and the whole way along... the whole journey... His entire reason for being and for coming, is so that He can say the very last lines that are contained in this beautiful song:

Forever we shall be united as one! (Song of Songs 8:14b)

The question is, how will we respond to Him?

Soak Time

What is Jesus speaking to your heart this week through the Song of Songs?

Jesus tells you it is His desire to be united with YOU forever! How does this make you feel? How do you want to respond to Him?



Day Four: The Song is a Duet!

His song to us, calls forth our song to Him! For the Song of Songs is actually a duet! The Shulamite woman responded in different ways. While she was too scared to really trust Him, she held back. She found it extremely difficult to believe the depth of His love for her, the possibility of their oneness, and who He said she was. Yet, from the moment that she said 'Yes, I will be your bride', she began to see herself more and more as one with and in Him. Consider the words flowing from her heart to His:

Song of Songs 4:16 – 5:1 (TPT) *Then may Your awakening breath blow upon my life until I am fully Yours. Breathe upon me with Your Spirit-winds. Stir up the sweet spice of Your life within me. Spare nothing as You make me Your fruit-filled garden, Hold nothing back until I release Your fragrance. Come walk with me as You walked with Adam in Your paradise-garden. Come taste the very fruits of Your life in me.*

Song of Songs 5:4 - 5 (TPT) *My Beloved reached into me to unlock my heart – the core of my very being trembled at His touch. How my soul melted when He spoke to me! My spirit arose to open for more of His touch...*

Song of Songs 6:3 (TPT) *He is within me – I am His garden of delight! I have Him fully and now He fully has me!*

Song of Songs 6:12 (TPT) *Suddenly my longings transported me! My divine desire brought me next to My Beloved Prince, sitting with Him in His royal chariot. We were lifted up together!*

Song of Songs 7:10 (TPT) *Now I know that I am filled with my Beloved and all His desires are fulfilled in me!*

Song of Songs 8:12 (TPT) *But as for my own vineyard of love I give it all to You forever...*

And then to the culmination of the final words she sings to Him as the song reaches its end:

Song of Songs 8:13 (TPT) *My Beloved, one with me in my garden.*

She's seen it, she's believed it, and she's experienced it! She is one with Him, He is one with her, and they dwell together! This is now her identity and it can



never be taken from her. Truly, her eggs have been scrambled, and she's been ruined for the ordinary... ruined for a life without Him.

Is this our heart?

For He longs to be forever united as one with us. Do we long to be forever united as one with Him – NOW?

As we do, just like it does in the song of Songs, our love for Him and our understanding of who we are in Him, will ignite the passion of those around us.

As He says to the Shulamite in ***Song of Songs 7:9 (TPT)***, *Your kisses of love awaken even the lips of sleeping ones to kiss Me as you have done.*

This truly is Jesus discipleship plan! Who will you awaken by your kisses of love? Your kisses with the King who has loved you from the beginning, redeemed you, as is now **one with YOU!**

For He most certainly has a plan to share this love with every person in the world. It's called The Great Commission, but as we'll see, the understanding of our oneness with Him brings this assignment to light in a whole new way...



Am I ready to sing in duet with Jesus?

Who would I love to see awakened by my kisses of love with the King?



Day Five: Stories From Your Sisters

There were more and more amazing and miraculous examples of God's confirmation and His power in us in oneness along the way. The fact that He birthed this retreat in oneness was very important... how it started was how it continued.

Each time there was a challenge or a problem, He also solved it through oneness.

Immediately upon the realisation that God had confirmed the retreat and we were to move upon it, we were faced with three challenges: The accommodation availability and the right date; the money to pay for the deposits for the conference centre and the accommodation; and not knowing who would prepare and serve the food.

We knew where the retreat was to be held and we'd thought September would be a good date to avoid the end of year busier period... but the only date that both the conference centre and the accommodation were available was the 17 – 19 October. The Holy Spirit also spoke to book out all of the accommodation (regardless of how many came), to keep it private and set aside for the women who would attend. So we went ahead and booked it! Only weeks later did we realise what God had done – He'd put the women's retreat exactly smack bang in the centre of the six monthly God For Men weekends which had been happening at the Tudor Springs property for a few years...and which He had used to water the seed of the women's retreat (see last week's story). Why was this significant? Because He was bringing to our awareness that oneness is not just about oneness between the women. Oneness encompasses the full body – men and women. And it was highlighting God's value for both the women and the men. He sees us equally!

The next challenge was the money to pay for deposits. The Holy Spirit began moving on people's hearts to give, and within a few days we had the deposits to book the accommodation.



We also received a phone call from David Madden within that timeframe, who said, “What are you doing about food for the retreat... no, don’t worry... I’m coming up to do it!”

Once again, Jesus confirmed His heart for oneness within the body – the body consists of all of us, sisters AND brothers! David Madden (and later joined by Mitchell Ballin) fulfilled an important function which enabled our retreat to go ahead. Neither were asked to do it... both were prompted only by the Holy Spirit, and He fit the pieces of the puzzle together. On this occasion, two of the puzzle pieces were men!

The One Heart Team