Open the Door and Let Jesus In

Revelations 3:20

We experience lasting strength and resilience when we bring Jesus into our lives. When we allow Jesus to become a part of what we do and how we live, we gain an advantage over life and living. The challenges that used to take us down no longer have the power to do that. It is not that we will not have problems in our lives; it is the problems no longer have us. Imagine, if you will, that the Savior of the world is knocking on your door. He is coming to you. You are not searching for Him; He is at your door knocking: **"I am standing at the door and knocking! If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come into his home and share a meal with him and He with Me."**

This is the image that John wants us to have in our minds. Jesus, in this particular verse, is telling us, "I am not far away," I am at the door, knocking with a desire to get in.

It is difficult to understand that Jesus is always present, given the difficulties we often encounter. That is why having a special time to study the Word of God or read a devotional peace and study and reflect on it is so important.

What makes Revelations 3:20 important is that you can picture Jesus knocking at the door. You can actually visualize Jesus standing there. I want you to take it a step further. I want you to see this scripture as Jesus's divine invitation being extended to each of us to commune with Him. It is a statement in word and imagery of Jesus's desire to be welcomed into our lives. This scripture, in a subtle way, tells us that Jesus will not force Himself into our lives. We must let Him in. We must open the door; Jesus will not break it down. Jesus will not intrude upon us. Jesus wants us to want Him. This is a personal invitation coming from Jesus.

"I am standing at the door and knocking! If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come into his home and share a meal with him, and he with me." Opening the door to Jesus and dining with Him is symbolic of revealing the details of your life. It is at the dinner that most people discuss the things that are happening in their lives. This is when we talk about the things we are most concerned about. These are the details Jesus wants to hear from us. Jesus wants us to share those issues that we worry about the most. It is in His capacity as Savior that He will come to our rescue. It is in His capacity as Lord that He will fight the battle for us. It is in His capacity as Lord and Savior that He will protect us. He will protect us even from ourselves.

When we commune with Jesus, there is a peace that enters our lives. Communing means letting down our defenses. Communing means surrendering and letting go of the controls. Communing means listening to wisdom that is being imparted through His word and the Holy Spirit.

So, the real question is how we commune with Jesus. Let me assure you it is not a one-stop encounter. It is a daily encounter. A lifelong encounter and exchange. You tell Him your troubles, and He carries them for you.

1. Set aside time for prayer and spiritual reflection, sometimes called meditation.

2. Read and study the scriptures. This is so important and often neglected. We know Jesus through the Word of God.
3. Practice being grateful. Practice gratitude. Be thankful for what God has done. Be thankful for the blessings in your life. They may not seem significant always, but God is preparing you for something else.
4. Don't be afraid to seek prayer partners or persons to study the Word of God with.
5. Worship is so important. In-person worship is critical to strengthening our relationship with Jesus Christ. Streaming is good when there is no other alternative. If God has blessed you with health and strength, thank Him by being present in worship to give someone else the encouragement to stay in the spiritual fight.

There is nothing more encouraging and calming than knowing that you can depend on Jesus to be there for you in your time of trouble. So do not hesitate to open the door. It is impolite to keep the Savior waiting.

Blessings,
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