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Song of Solomon 1:4b

“The King has brought me into His chambers.” Song of Solomon 1:4b

It is always the King’s right of initiation. To assume otherwise is to be reckless and presumptive. Queen Esther understood this point – by taking the initiative from the King she was in a dangerous position – should Yahweh not grant her favor with her own husband, her position as queen, if not her life, might be forfeit. (Esther 4:16).

The Lord has drawn us to Himself. His Spirit has called to us and we have responded. Now the same Spirit is inviting us, gently calling us to the King’s chambers. Here in the quiet place, here in the King’s own retreat; He invites us. It is a place of intimate conversation and heart to heart – spirit to spirit – and at times, wordless communication and knowings. In this chamber is the place of highest and most holy worship.

Because these precious moments are initiated by the King does not mean that we cannot prepare ourselves so that when the time comes we have readied ourselves. “Be holy for I am holy!” (1 Peter 1:16). Time spent in personal spiritual preparation is never lost time. The hours and days of time taken to read the Word, to pray and to seek His face are never wasted efforts. “The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose hearts are perfect toward Him.” (2 Chronicles 16:9).

The King may alone initiate an encounter between you and His glory, but it is our responsibility to have readied ourselves to respond. And yet... the Lord, unlike Esther’s husband, the King of Persia, has given us an open invitation to “come boldly to the throne of His grace and obtain mercy and grace in time of need.” (Hebrews 4:16).

“Father, I await Your initiation. Until then, I will prepare my heart to worship You.”

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