

I Need You

When God created the heavens and the earth, He made sure that provisions were abundant. He placed the sun in the heavens to give light by day and He placed the moon and stars in the night to help us find our way. He gave us brilliant colors in the sky and plants and trees on earth. He splashed the seas against the sand and filled them with fish and other creatures. He gave us cool water to drink and animals to roam the earth. Then He created Adam. That wasn't enough, He said. Man is not intended to be alone, so He created Eve.

We started as social beings, needing to be together, to be supported, to be in relationship. Sheltering interrupted the natural human process of fellowship. Before that, however, divisiveness had interrupted this process. We began to highlight our differences and used those differences to judge and shun each other. This is the handiwork of the enemy, Satan. He knows that the Lord and His people thrive on relationships with Him, with family, with our neighbors and our community.

In spite of my best efforts to do it alone, I can't. I need you! Not the place you came from, not your financial worth, not your political party, not your race or ethnicity. I NEED YOU! The one God created, His child. I need to see the real you and understand who you are. I know you're an interesting person with experiences and knowledge of worth.

I need you to see me for who I am too. I need you to be open to a different perspective, a different approach. I need you to hear my heart, feel my pain, cry with me, laugh with me, feel my joy even though we may be "different." I need you to walk with me in God's will and grace to make this nation and this world better for us and our children. I need you to listen attentively even though you may not understand. Listen to understand. I need you to join with me and unite with others and push the true enemy back. God gave us victory when His Son died on the cross and was resurrected. Jesus did not go through that agony and that pain for us, only for us to subject each other to hurt and pain. I need you.

I need you not to be afraid to have a cup of coffee with me or to say a kind word or smile at me. I need to see in your eyes someone who cares about others more than things, affiliations, or pride. I need you to feel it's o.k. if you don't know much about me. I need you to let me tell you about me. I need you to fight alongside me in the Lord's army for the battles are not done. I need you to be in unity with me even if we don't like the same things or agree on everything. I need you to believe that I am more important than your opinion and His truth is truth.

You may be wondering who this "I" is. It's me. It's you. We both need each other in the same way because truthfully, we are the same. We need to come to Jesus together and working through Him, make the changes that will make this a better place. I need you!

"The eye cannot say to the hand, " I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!" But God has combined the members of the body and has given greater honor to the parts that lacked it, so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it. If one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. Now you are the body of Christ and each one of you is a part of it." **1 Corinthians 12:21, 24-27**

Prayer

Lord,

Lord here I am. Use me. Send me. Let me be the light You have created me to be. Let me be a vessel of unity for You. I want to build relationships for Your Kingdom. I reject fear. I reject labels. I reject lies about myself and others. I listen for Your voice. I know Your voice. You will guide me. You will strengthen me. You will encourage me. You will embolden me. You will empower me. I will stand in Your unity with my brothers and sisters in the local Body of Christ and across the globe. Amen!