

Yes, I Do

I have believed in God for over 10 years. God has constantly shown me His power in my life. His eternal love attracted me. He loves me, someone who does not deserve His love. How could I respond to Him?

The Bible says, “No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God.” This was what God said to me when He first called me. But alas, at that time I did not know Him enough as to understand what these words meant. I did not mind giving up all that I had, but if I were to deny myself and follow Him, it was a completely different story. So, on that day, I did not respond.

Gladly, with His love and grace, He never stopped calling me despite my indifference. The Holy Spirit spoke to me many times through the Word of God, but I remained unmoved. I even kept finding “reasonable” and high-sounding excuses for myself. “Oh God, is there something wrong? Why would You call me?”

Until once when I was listening to a sermon, God’s words deeply touched me. He first revealed Himself to me through the prophet Jonah. It was an outright revelation, in which God made me realize my being weak. For so many years, I had always been hiding from God as Jonah did. At that moment, tears kept pouring from my eyes and my body trembled. “God! Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?” With the strength God had given me, I stood up, walked to the mercy seat, knelt down and prayed. “Dear Lord, forgive my sins for I have always been hiding from Your calling. Today, I’m willing to surrender to You. Make me a vessel in Your hands and mold me as You please. Whatever You send me to do, I will only respond by saying ‘Yes, I do!’”

Thanks be to God! He chose me and invited me to walk with Him and to join the officership. I do not fear about tomorrow. I strongly believe that if God wants me to do something for Him, He will take the initiative to reveal to me, “So do not fear, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.” (Isaiah 41:10)

Hallelujah! May all the glory and praise be to the Lord our heavenly Father!

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