

Come Away With Me Awhile

In the gospel of Mark we read that Jesus sent his disciples out two by two to share the good news, heal the sick and free those controlled by dark spirits. They couldn't returned fast enough to share with Jesus the joy and happiness that they experienced with their new power. Jesus simply said, "Come away with me for a while to a quiet place." Together, let's become quiet and allow some different thoughts to speak to us.

Manhood

It is within the very nature of a man to find himself being drawn and overwhelmed with the desire to abandon himself to an experience of power¹. It is a part of his very DNA, so to speak. It dwells in and flows from his gut. As an adolescent it captivates him with the need to own a car, to fix things, to play sports, to flex his muscles, to love. Spontaneously, and as much as possible, he surrenders himself to that power because through it he is able to express himself. He cannot hold it within.

As he enters young adulthood, the power pulls him into learning how to share it through deeper relationships, by abandoning himself into further education, establishing his own living apart from family, his job or profession, entering into a love relationship that builds for commitment. No matter what happens to him it is all related to power, which he must share in some way.

This is a part of his human nature, but it is also a part of his spiritual nature. The same power aroused by a spiritual (mystical) relationship created by drugs² or with Jesus and the Holy Spirit will equally captivate him. It, too, will call for complete abandonment, joined with the thirst of experiencing more. The need to share it with others on both the human and spiritual level is awesome. Again, he cannot keep that power within. He has to release it from his gut, the place wherein dwells the deep power of love that makes him a man. He has to share it with others.

Womanhood

The woman is also captivated by the deep inner power residing in her gut, but her DNA, so to speak, her expression of this power is different. She is "home," the place in which dwells love, peace, comfort, goodness and growth. Home is her womb, be it her whole being or the house in which she lives, both are the symbolic extension of her physical womb. She shares her power within the environment of her whole extended self, whereas the man shares it with others outside himself. Her "home," her inner self, embraces and wraps her whole being around the shared power of a man. She longs to have him within her, within her embrace, to be one with his strength and power.

Such a union of the power of love within her "home" always give birth to a new life. This new life can take place within the womb at conception, or within the womb of the home wherein she gives a fuller life to those dwelling there. All this comes from within her gut where her power exists. It is from there that both homes share her total self, feeding those present with her love expressed in the energy flowing from her body, her emotions, her feelings of affection, her soul

¹ The word "power" here may be too impersonal a word for some readers. But it is a fundamental aspect of our being, just as with God whom we say is All Powerful, Almighty.

² Of course, such experiences created by drugs is ersatz, superficial.

and her spirit, her very life maintaining the family home by embracing all those within her home with all that she is.

Doing this with unconditional love she is always able to let go and allow those dwelling within her home to leave and begin developing their own when their gestation period has been completed. It is of the nature of love to give without conditions and hooks. The man gives all of himself to those outside of himself. The woman first gives all of herself to those dwelling within herself, her home, and then allows them to freely leave. How beautiful it all is, and rightly so, because we are made to the image and likeness of our Beloved Triune God, our Father, our Beloved Mother the Holy Spirit, and their Beloved Son.³

Our Human Reality

We all know from experience that, no matter whether we are male or female, the experiences of being captivated by the power of such love deep within our gut is exciting and wonderful. Yes, “the power of love,” because, since the Three Persons of God *are* the Love in which they live and function, then all aspects of power that stem from Them as Persons is divine love. We are made to Their Image and Likeness.

We also know that we are going to make mistakes as we grow in life and love, especially, if we do not listen to others too well. That is an accepted reality because none of us has lived in a family home environment where there was always sufficient love shared. Something was always missing as we grew and developed. It made no difference whether we grew up in poverty or in plenty, something was always missing.

Whatever that was missing was what gave birth to our “ego” which in turn used our power of love to fulfill its needs in a selfish way. It pushed us to use the wonderful enjoyable powers within us for our own enjoyment and satisfaction, rather than as something to be shared correctly with either the self or others. That ego strength came from fear, the fear of being abused, controlled and rejected.

The man fears that if he completely allows himself to be embraced, wrapped and surrounded by the all-embracing being of the beloved he will no longer be in control of his power. So, he shares what he has to in order to accomplish his objective. Then, immediately he withdraws from the beloved’s all-embracing self. We are well aware that a man can do this easily in many ways, especially with his work where he can become “married” to it more than to his beloved. He cannot remain too long within her home.

The woman fears that if she completely allows herself to embrace and become one with his power she will cease to be herself, that she will lose her ability to form and establish a “home,” a family, be that a physical, social, ecclesiastical or spiritual one. In other words, she fears being used and enslaved. Again, we are well aware that a woman can protect herself by making her profession in life a home unto herself or to protect herself from the “empty nest” syndrome by emotionally wrapping herself completely around her children, not letting them leave.

Unless the fears that push us away from a true intimate love relationship in life are recognized and healed the ego increases because the need to protect the self grows stronger. The loving

³ Our analysis of maleness and femaleness is given in generalities. One may rightly ask, “What about those who do not fit into this mold, like our gay brothers and sisters?” If our general analysis of the power of unconditional love is correct, then we believe that the reader will be able to apply the same to them as well.

family environment slowly diminishes, taking away our capacity to share the love that is the very power of our life. If it is not shared in some way it will explode in negative behavior in both the man, woman and child. The missing family environment of love affects all. Since none of this brings unity, harmony and peace within and around us, what did we miss?

Come Away With Me

When the apostles returned all excited about their new powers Jesus' response was "Come away with me awhile." They needed to withdraw to a quiet place where they could encounter what was going on within them. They needed to be in prayer. They needed to realize that what happened was an experience of the joy that we always have when we share the love that we are. They needed to realize that the love that they are is also the same love that is Divine because there is only one Love, and that is God.

They needed to realize that this power does not have to be stimulated, rather, that it flows naturally and spontaneously wherever we are and in whatever we do. They needed to realize that when they find themselves wanting to increase it, to use it to impress someone, to emphasize it, the ego is entering into the activity. They needed to realize that if they didn't calm down they would eventually burn out and lose the enthusiasm flowing from the power they are. These are all moments of growth, of learning, but if they are not noticed, they will open the doors to problems of unity and harmony.

Prayer can give us the ability to see this negativity, along with the desire to heal it at its source. Not just a prayer here and there, but daily prayer. A daily relationship with our beloved Father, Sophia our Mother and our beloved Brother Jesus. A relationship that is not one of words only, but one stemming from our heart, and hopefully from the gut. We need to experience in prayer that we truly belong to Their Family, the Family of God. Without that experience we are not being molded properly because we are not experiencing Their Family's loving environment.

This is why we need in our lives a spiritual love life that is an integral part of our so called human love life. Such an integrated life brings into play all the gifts of the Holy Spirit, given to us for the common good of all and which culminates in the fullness of its power, love. As Paul said, we can have the faith that moves mountains, but if we do not have love, it all profits us nothing. All is one in Love. Without that unity, we are not functioning on all eight cylinders, as a man would say.

St Teresa of Avila was correct when she said that true love intimacy creates the ultimate fear. In reality, it is the only fear that flows from all expressions of love. There are different levels and degrees of it. And it all stems from our gut where the true power of intimate love exists.

Therefore, the healing of this fear in our human sharing of love will also heal us of the same problem in our sharing the same love with the Three Divine Persons in our Divine Family. We cannot grow in love in one relationship without also growing in all relationships, be they human or divine.

We pray that these thoughts about our human and spiritual nature, which in reality are one, will open doors for deeper growth in love for all of us.

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