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WE CANNOT DECEIVE OURSELVES

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The Lord Jesus Christ always walks beside us; I know it by experience. We can ignore Him and keep walking together as if we were strangers, or we can accept His company and friendship and, since we have His undivided attention, ask Him any question we may have and ask for His advice in those areas where we are weak. The only reason that He is with us is because He wants to be our Friend, help us and give us directions; not to ask for anything but to give it. This only happens when our mind is ready. Luke's Gospel tells of two men who were returning to Emmaus and were discussing the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. At one point Jesus joined them and now all three kept talking, but without recognizing Him. They invited Him to spend the night in their home. *"Now it came to pass, as He sat at the table with them, that He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him; and He vanished from their sight. And they said to one another, "Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?"*

Our Lord Jesus Christ is always with us, and He manifests Himself in different ways, sometimes in a physical form, like in the *Road to Emmaus*, other times He may be seen with our spiritual sight, and other times we can hear His voice. He is always present, but if the person is afraid to see Him or hear Him, fear will interfere and His presence will be blocked. Having the privilege of being led by Him is the most wonderful thing that someone can experience. If we accept His friendship, in addition to enjoying His company and everything His presence entails, we will move forward firmly. We are not talking about something abstract, but reality, although, faith is required. We must believe that it can be accomplished, and that we don't need to be saints in order to hear His Voice. All you need to do is to develop a relationship with Him, because it is a relationship. Some would prefer to consult with someone else so that when things go wrong there is someone to blame. But if the Lord is your friend, you can ask Him.

Those who believe they are healthy don't see the need to consult a doctor. Those who think they know everything, do not see the need to ask questions. Some are embarrassed to admit they need help, or have other reasons for not seeking help. However, would our Lord Jesus Christ be with us if we didn't need His help any longer? He said, *"Without Me you can do nothing"* Also, the Apostle Paul said, *"I can do all this through Christ who gives me strength."* In other words, by myself I can do nothing, and He without my will won't be able to help me, but united we are invincible! How is your life? Are you being sustained by His power? It is when we are alone and quiet that we notice the emptiness and loneliness that asphyxiates us. In those moments we realize that we need help, that we see how difficult it is to walk alone. He is right there, always ready to help us. Could we make a conscious effort to achieve our unity with God? We don't need to look for Him because His guide is already here by us, although, still as a stranger on the road.

"Father, we do not know the way to You. But we have called, and You have answered us. We will not interfere. Salvation's ways are not our own, for they belong to You. And it is unto You we look for them. Our hands are open to receive Your gifts. We have no thoughts we think apart from You, and cherish no beliefs of what we are, or Who created us. Yours is the way that we would find and follow. And we ask but that Your Will, which is our own as well, be done in us and in the world, that it become a part of Heaven now. Amen. ACIM I.189.10. To begin with, most of us are not aware that God is what our soul is longing for. Sometimes it takes the form of emptiness or loneliness. It could appear as boredom, but it is in fact our conscience reminding us that we are missing God, our Father.

We can deceive others pretending that we are successful, because that is the image we like to project, but at the end of the day, when we are left alone, how do we feel? Isn't it true that there is something missing? Remember, we cannot fool ourselves, or deceive God.

"Whoever believes in Me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them." John 7:38
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