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here i am again to share what is on my mind and in my heart. i look to the Holy Spirit for guidance as i proceed. do you know the Holy Spirit? He is that intimate friend that one can share their most secret thoughts and hopes with.

i don't know much about men and their growing up. i can only speak of experiences from a feminine perspective. growing up, me and most girls, often kept a diary. men may call it a journal. it was a little book and often had lock on it, as if that were strong enough to deter anyone determined to read it's contents.

there, safely guarded, are secrets our heart guards from others. that is, others besides the Holy Spirit. He knows the most innermost thoughts, dreams and even fears that lurk there. except He is not an intruder. He is a companion; a trusted friend one can confide in and confess to.

our Lord Jesus said, "nevertheless I tell you the truth. it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. and when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment."

yes, He corrects but in the most loving way. He is the Lord that king david spoke so eloquently of in psalm 23. He will be that rod and staff we need. He will be that peace for those in the valley of death. He will

be that oil running down your head as He leads you beside those still waters.

He is all of that and more if we will only embrace Him. He is the personal and intimate expression of the Father and the Son. it is their heart and intent He shares with us. because He dwells within us, it is such a personal exposing of both that He too is subject to being wounded.

our Lord Jesus said that blasphemy against the Holy Spirit was the only unforgivable sin. the devil would readily have us believe we have committed that sin already. the very fact one is concerned about it is confirms they have not.

He is not a weakling. He is the manifestation of all the power and glory of God. and yet, ever so gently He deals with the anxieties that lie hidden from view. and like the Lord Jesus, "a bruised reed He will not break, and smoking flax He will not quench". isa 42:3 he will not snuff out your candle. He will light your flame.

but i warn you, sharing His heart will almost mean sharing the burdens on it. even this morning He drove me to prayer and the tears flowed as in a spring shower. if tears are to be shed, they must be shed now. there will be no place for them in heaven. if we are to water the seeds planted by others, it must be now. will you embrace the burdens on the Father's heart?

they will not always be the tears of sorrow. there

will be times when He leads us into the very Presence and tears shed there will be in worship and adoration. it will be an exposure of how far we have fallen from a holy, righteous God and the "amazing grace" that seeks to lift us up. He has "raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus". eph 2:6

there is a short video by dr. michael brown on youtube. in it he expresses his amazement at someone who firmly teaches the gifts of the Holy Spirit have passed away; yes, even the fellowship He brings with Him. dr. brown and my heart are filled with sorrow for those who have never felt the joy of entering into the Presence. it is well spoken as much of his teachings always are. i think it would be well worth one's time to view it at this link. it is only eight or nine minutes. a video by dr. brown on the Holy Spirit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YbsI48ortP0>

may your find your dwelling place in psalm 91. Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and forever. May we seek all that our Lord has provided for us and use it for His honor and glory.

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