

RELENTLESS LOVE

John 20:1-4

Here we see, Mary Magdalene, one whose heart was after the Lord—so much that when He was alive she would never leave His side. Knowing that she was not allowed to visit the grave on the Sabbath—she waited for the next day. While it was yet dark, she could wait no longer. Even in death she needed to be at His side. What a demonstration of LOVE—of devotion to the LORD. Look down at verse 9-10.

The disciples left—went back home—But not Mary—the worst of the whole bunch—Luke 8:2 tells us that Jesus cast 7 Demons out of Mary. Still standing there—even though the grave was empty—CRYING—Longing for her Master In verse 11-14--We find Mary Looking into the tomb--she sees 2 angels—that ask—why weepest thou—Mary answers they have taken away my Master and I know not where they have laid Him. Read verse 15-17. No other—not Peter—not John—no other could Jesus find worthy—hungry—That between the GRAVE and the MERCY SEAT OF GOD—On His way to pour out HIS BLOOD—once and for all for the SINS of mankind. He stopped—He heard a cry like no other cry—Mary it is I—weep no more. I wonder--What does it mean for one to seek the Lord in such a way that it would cause Him to stop the Redemption process.

Turn to Solomon 3:1-4

This Bride and Bridegroom are a type and shadow of CHRIST and the CHURCH today. When you find those that are truly seeking the Lord—you will find TRUE LOVE. Our quest to know God is not a matter of discipline but of desire. Not a sacrifice but UNDISTRACTED LOVE. Even the grave could not DISTRACT Mary from her love for Christ. The BRIDE will rise up to find her LOVE—her Bridegroom.

That's what it means to SEEK Him to PURSUE Him with PASSION.

Phil. 3:14-15 tells us that only the MATURE ARE SEEKING to know Christ. No longer can the BRIDE of Christ contain her longing or say to Her aching heart “You will feel better in the morning.” There's no reconciling the absence of her BELOVED. Genuine love for God is an unrelentless Hunger.

Verse 1 says night after night I sought Him—I sought Him whom my soul LOVES—I sought Him but could not find Him. She could not find Him but like Mary she did not give up her quest to find Him. See “God is not on the surface—He's in the secret place of the Most High”

We can not let the sign that reads DEAD END stop us from our final destination. Remember “We are searching for JESUS.” He's no ordinary Bridegroom—He's the KING of Kings—The LORD of Lords—He is the CHRIST.

Because of her relentless search—Her Hunger—Her willingness to go against the evil principalities and the rulers of darkness. Because of her relentless LOVE—finally she was able to say “I found Him whom my soul loveth.” “I held Him and would not let Him go.”

I wonder today-- if Jesus is listening for that familiar cry—that cry that He heard on resurrection day—that cry that said “Where is my Lord—Where have they taken Him.”

“I'll not leave this place today until I hear HIM say “IT IS I.”

And I can say (I have found Him whom my soul loveth)

