

Something to Pray About

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“COME, JOIN THE DANCE”

“He [Holy Spirit] will glorify Me, because He will take what is Mine and declare it to you.” John 16:14 NKJV

“Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son so that the Son may glorify You...I have glorified You on the earth by completing the work You gave Me to do. Now, Father, glorify Me in Your presence with that glory I had with You before the world existed.” John 17:1, 4-5

If you were to put 2, 4, 20, 100 or 1000 people on a stage, but each person insisted that everyone else revolve around him or her—what would happen? Basically, *nothing*. No one would move, because each person wants to be the center of all the action. Each person would remain in place—static—and wait for someone else to move and revolve around him or her. Each person is static, unmoving, or, as the Bible explains it: “dead in his trespasses and sins...” See Ephesians 2:1, 5.

Now, look at God, Who is three Persons in One. The verses quoted above explain that relationship in a nutshell: each person of the Trinity glorifies the other two. As the theologian Cornelius Plantings said, “The persons within God exalt one another, commune with one another, and defer to one another...each person envelopes and encircles the others...God’s interior life overflows with regard for others.” C. S. Lewis referred to this inter-relational existence of God as a “dance.”

“Because the Father, Son, and Spirit are giving glorifying love to one another, God is infinitely, profoundly happy.” (T.K.) “To glorify another means to unconditionally serve them, not because we’re getting anything out of it, just because of our love and appreciation for who they truly are.” (T.K.)

“No person of the Trinity insists that the others revolve around him; rather each of them voluntarily circles and orbits around the others.” (T.K.) God is in a “dance.”

And wonder of wonders, though God is complete and thoroughly contented within Himself, with no need of love or attention or worship from anyone else, He has created us in His image. Why? “He must have created us not to *get* joy but to *give* it. He must have created us to invite us into the Dance, to say: ‘If you glorify me, if you center your life on me, if you find me beautiful for who I am in myself, then you will step into the dance, which is what you were made for.’” (T.K.)

We are not just to believe in God in some vague way or only pray to Him when we are in trouble or fell down. We are meant to center our all on Him—to serve Him unconditionally. “That’s where you will find your joy. That’s what the dance is about.” (T.K.)

“Are you in the dance or do you just believe God is out there somewhere? Are you in the dance or do you just pray to God every so often when you’re in trouble? Are you in the dance or are you looking

around for someone to orbit around you? If life is a divine dance, then you need more than anything else to be in it. That's what you're built for. *You are made to enter a divine dance with the Trinity.*"

So, are you in the dance?

All quotations marked with T. K. come from the book, "King's Cross" by Timothy Keller.

