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Amis Letter 05

Jesus' favourite topic



Dear .....

Some 2000 years ago a boy from Nazareth grew up to be a man. He gathered a group of people around him. A certain phrase seemed to be his favorite "topic": the Kingdom of God. According to Mark and Luke (Matthew has a slightly varied form - the Kingdom of heaven) this was his vision and goal whatever he said or did. (The Gospel of John is a different story - quite exciting too! But we will get to that later on.)

I can imagine this man, Jeshua (or Jesus in the Greek form) talking to people about this "Kingdom of God" with a penetrating look in his eyes. I can even "see" him talk about it with a mysterious smile on his face...

"Ah... the Kingdom of God is like a sower..."

"The Kingdom of God is like a poor old lady..." (did you just see him wink in the direction of a poor old lady in the crowd, listening to him?)

The Kingdom of God...

Have you ever experienced a moment/happening or event which gave you the feeling of "Ah... this is the way life should be? This is sooo good and real!"?

If you had to describe that moment - what would you say about it? What made it "just right"? Peaceful, humorous, joyful, real...? Perhaps it was a time when you apologised and were forgiven? Or a holiday with friends? Or perhaps your mom or dad said how proud they were of you? Or you said that to someone else?

If we could sit together sharing those words or ideas - what would the overlapping experience be?

Try to give those moments "words". I am quite sure that That Man would be sitting close to you,

listening attentively and saying:

"Yes! Yes! That's it! That is precisely it!"

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Be aware of those moments. They ARE there and they ARE real. And sometimes they are there just for a fleeting moment. Almost as fragile as a bubble...

We certainly have a role to play in these Kingdom moments - and unfortunately, we sometimes also play a role in destroying them!

Enough for now! But we will return to the Kingdom theme.

Love and peace!

Until next week

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To ponder on...

- Ask someone to describe to you ONE of the best moments of his/her life. Discuss it. Explore it.
- Describe or re-tell one of those moments in your life. What made it good?
- What was your contribution to that moment/experience?
- Were there more of those moments?
- Ah ... the painful but necessary question: have you ever burst one of those bubble moments? Could you describe how and why?
- Any other thoughts on "the Kingdom of God"?
- If you have some words, why not post ONE of them on the Facebook group page?

