



Come Dance with Me

A reflection of our walk with the Lord

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I heard the Lord say, “Come dance with me. Let me be your leading man.” According to Webster’s New Collegiate Dictionary, dance is a series of rhythmic and patterned bodily movements usually performed to music. I think of ‘dancing with a partner’ as moving in unison – moving as one.

The Lord said to me, “I am so close, yet sometimes you act like I’m not here.” Could He say this to you too? Do you want to know how close He really is – then look at partners dancing. See how close they are standing together; that’s how close He is to us. He is right here. He is touching us. If we have accepted Christ as our Lord and Savior, then we also have the Holy Spirit living in us, helping, directing, and comforting us.

As the dance begins, the man, the one leading, normally moves forward and the woman backwards. When moving backwards, what’s coming up can’t be seen. Does she dance with fear and panic, because she doesn’t know what’s coming up? Afraid she might run into something? No, actually she is completely relaxed in her partner’s arms, trusting him to guide her. I heard the Lord say, “Let go of your fears, let go of your doubts; trust in me. I will guide you.” Just as the leading partner is trusted to guide in dance, we need to trust God to guide us. Then we don’t have to be fearful of what is ahead.

When the leading man starts moving, his partner moves with him. He doesn’t run into or over his partner. How did his partner know to move, where to move, how to move? Let me explain. As the man begins to move, the woman focuses on him, waiting, watching, sensing, and feeling the slightest movement. This gives her the ability to move with him in perfect unison, as he guides and leads her with the slightest pressure of his hands and movement of his body.

Again, I heard the Lord say, “Come and dance with me. Let me be your leading man.” Are we waiting, watching, sensing, feeling the slightest movement of God, of the Holy Spirit in us, or the whisper of His voice, so we can move with Him?

Often the leading can’t be seen taking place, yet the partner moves easily. It’s not necessary for him to yank or throw his partner around to get her to do what he wants. God doesn’t want to have to do that either to get our attention. And the Holy Spirit is a gentleman. As we begin to sense the moving of God, let’s begin to move with Him in perfect unison.

Let me break this down even more. Before the dance begins, a couple has to know that the man starts with the left foot and the woman with the right foot. They have to know who will do the leading. So, some knowledge is needed. In the same way, if we want to move with God, we should be familiar with His ways and His thoughts. We have to have the knowledge of how God works. This we learn by reading His word, by hearing His Word and spending time in His presence through prayer.

Now what can be done to prepare to start dancing? Since the woman knows she will be moving her right foot first, she stands with the weight of her body already on her left foot, leaving her right foot free to move the instant she is led to move. Do we need preparation to move with God? Our prayers are good preparation. They help us to learn to listen to and discern His voice, and know the feel of His presence. Then, when we feel His movement or hear His voice, we can follow instantly. The Lord is saying to all of us: "Come and dance with me. Focus on me. Move with Me. I Am your leading man."