

## **THE TWENTY FIRST FLOWER: UNCEASING POURING OF LOVE**

My desire, O Lord, is to go all around your field discovering and finding every soil and plant. My desire is to go and meet all the workers, greet them and salute their works. My passionate love to you has directed my passion and compassion towards them. I want to learn from them. I want to teach them. I want to pray with them. I want to put all our efforts together in order to render your field back to you in its ultimate splendor and beauty.

Even though the field is not mine, you entrusted it to me and you guided me how to manage it, how to work in it and how to harvest it. Sometimes, I consider myself as its owner and I forget that it is still yours; I start abusing it and I want the full benefit from it. Here is my illusion and my wrong doing. Some other times, I neglect it. I am afraid of touching it from fearing you and I would not cultivate any harvest. The field stays the same, untouched and unfruitful. Here is another illusion and deceit. So, I have to keep always in my mind that I am not but an entrusted manager of this rich and good inheritance.

Going around your field puts me in touch with the different members of your body and their gifts and the talents of the Holy Spirit.<sup>1</sup> These visits enrich, solidify and strengthen my faith and my work. In some cases, they bless me with the encounter of some of the first pioneers who developed and discovered the beauty of your message.<sup>2</sup> In other cases, they bless me with those who prophesy through the power of the Holy Spirit.<sup>3</sup> They even bless me with humility so that I may not be overcome with pride. They bless me with eyes to see the work of the Holy Spirit in others as well, reminding me that my labor is not but the work of the Holy Spirit through me for God's glory.

Even though my desire is to discover all the soils of your field, my passion is to go to the soil<sup>4</sup> where you feasted the Last breaking of bread with your disciples, my brethren, and where they have received the gifts of languages and tongues.<sup>5</sup> This is my zeal while I am ministering. I wanted to meet you at your soil, I wanted to see where you were,

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<sup>1</sup> Acts 21: 9-11.

<sup>2</sup> Acts 21: 8.

<sup>3</sup> Acts 21: 11.

<sup>4</sup> Acts 21: 12.

<sup>5</sup> Jerusalem.

where you walked, and to reflect on my sins that I had committed towards you. In this, I fear nothing. I am not bound to any tear or plead against this passion but joy and gladness for I am delivering it towards God's will.<sup>6</sup>

While your will has delivered me safe to the soil of my compassionate desire, I am welcomed and confronted with some delicate issues about my labor, my ministry. Yes, my co-workers have greeted me nicely among them but they had to clean my name and clarify my position. In my ministry, I created unwillingly some misunderstandings that have to be clarified. So, while my will to come from so far to feast with you, your will has delivered me to feast with you and my brethren in a testimony of your faith.<sup>7</sup> My liberalistic labor, my ministry in the Spirit of your words that not bounded by the law of men, has labeled me as an abolisher of the law. My full and complete attraction to the essence of your teaching has signaled an alarm to the follower of the law and its customs. This has to be reconciled even though that I did not teach what they are acclaiming. I have to abide also by the judgment of your body. We collectively can see what is right for the whole body according to your teaching. We all together have to be aware not to create a schism for we become, like diabolos, evil. My obedience is very important to the health of the complete body. This is the real humility for your sake.<sup>8</sup>

I did not commit any wrong doing and laboured hard in your field. Hence, I have to abide by the decision of the assembly and be purified.<sup>9</sup> I must humble myself; I am the worker of Humility Himself. I have to show them that I follow the law and I am against those who break the law. I have to say to them that I am really sorry and ask for forgiveness when I am wrong. I learned from this that I have to break my ego, and I will do this for your sake, for your ministry at any time because I am your disciple and you, yourself, have showed me true humility.

Though while I am doing what is demanded from me, the false accusations may continue for they do not know the truth. They are blinded by physical appearances while their eyes are open and they are deaf while their ears are listening. Their eyes are deceived and blinded by their ignorance and their ego. They can not see what is going

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<sup>6</sup> Acts 21: 14.

<sup>7</sup> Acts 21: 21.

<sup>8</sup> Acts 21: 22.

<sup>9</sup> Acts 21: 23.

on in front of them according to their customs. They can see only their hate,<sup>10</sup> which is kicking me out from among them, from their soil and soul. They wanted to kill me physically after they killed me in their souls.

The submission to your will is the wisdom behind all these actions against me. You have a plan that is different than mine and of my co-workers. You wanted me to plant the seed of faith in more souls. You used my suffering that I endured from my accusers for the glory of your name. You have sent me the civic commander and soldiers to physically protect me.<sup>11</sup> You have cleaned my name also from another inappropriate accusation.<sup>12</sup> Even when I am following my passion towards you I have to take every single opportunity and use it to deliver your message.<sup>13</sup> My ministry does not stop. My ministry is my celebration and feasting with you in any field. It is when I deliver and uplift a soul towards you, O my Lord.

My ministry is full of opportunities, but I have to take advantage and use them while I am free or while I am bound by chains, while I am on the bed of my infirmities, in suffering or in joy, in light or in darkness, at work or on vacation, at home or on a working trip, at the altar or on the driving seat and in any soil or position.

This is my conviction; this is my unceasing work and prayer. It is the unceasing pouring of your love to others.

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<sup>10</sup> Acts 21: 28.

<sup>11</sup> Acts 21: 32.

<sup>12</sup> Acts 21: 37.

<sup>13</sup> Acts 21: 40.