



# God Needs Us as Much as We Need God

*God needs us as much as we need God!* Not only does God need us for the joy and satisfaction we bring to Him as his children, but also he needs us to become channels to deliver justice, mercy, peace and joy into the world. It is our life's assignment to redeem the world, at least that part of the world we occupy.

That is why Jesus came and that is why we are here—to allow ourselves to be used by God to usher love, joy, peace and justice back into a struggling and depraved world.

While that may seem to be a huge, even impossible assignment, and it is without the power of God's Holy Spirit, it is clearly what we are called to do and be at whatever cost to us it may entail.

We are aware of many spiritual giants throughout history who have been caught up in this assignment by God. St.

Paul, Martin Luther, Pope John 23rd. Mother Teresa and Martin Luther King, Jr. are among those who have responded to God's call.

These iconic persons were born into the world in the identical manner that we were. However, God's Spirit reached deeply into their lives and made them into something special. Their life stories have gone down in history as living examples of how God chooses and uses people to deliver His goods into His world.

These people stand out in history because they are examples of how God works. We are called to that exact mission of making our corner of the world a place where justice, mercy, love, joy, and peace are present and active. That is why we are here—not to be the queen bee, but to be the worker bee.

“Who me?” we ask. I am too busy getting on with my own life to get involved in a serious mission that could certainly divert me from pursuing the goals I have set. Perhaps it is appropriate to examine our goals in light of why we are here in the first place. How does the pursuit of my goals fit God's mission for me? Perhaps you have never considered that. Consider it now! You are very likely in the perfect spot for God to use at this time, although you might not see it that way.

What you should know is that you have been *set up*. God is playing the chess game with you as the pawn, while you see yourself as being independent and self-determining, you are not.

Somewhere along the way you might have an epiphany and come to realize who has made the moves, or you may not. Nevertheless you are where you are in whatever circumstance you find yourself because God needs you there to be

a channel for His justice, mercy, love, and peace to enter the world through you. But there is a hitch.

God has given us two things along with this huge lifetime assignment. First, there is free will. While we are in place to make a difference in the world, we can say *no*. Second, God has put within each of us a *yearning* which both draws us closer to Him as well as moves us toward something bigger than ourselves. We are given this *yearning* to be more and do more in response to God's loving us with such intensity and purpose. Because of this *yearning* we want to say *yes* to God.

That is the spiritual experience. That transforms life into a spiritual journey. *Here am I Oh Holy One—use me where I am now to bring your love, mercy, justice, peace, and joy into my corner of your world which is your way of redeeming its depravity in this place. Yes, God! Use me.*



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