

Beloved Disciples

*“Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother’s sister,
Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.*

*When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby,
he said to her, ‘Woman, here is your son’ and to the disciple, ‘Here is your mother.’*

From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.”

John 19:25-27 (NIV)

“From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him.

‘You do not want to leave too, do you?’ Jesus asked the Twelve.

Simon Peter answered him, ‘Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God.”

John 6:66-69

When I think of a beloved disciple of our Lord, two men quickly come to mind. John and Peter. In John 19:25 we read about a disciple whom Jesus loved and most scholars believe this is a reference to John. When we read Peter’s adventures with Jesus, he says profound words as in John 6:69 and Matt. 16:16.

We feel more comfortable with Peter because we can sometimes do well and other times we fail our beloved Saviour as Peter did. This is the reason we love David and shy away from Moses. David could be great and then he could mess up. Moses was so consistent that we feel out of place being near him.

We who have times of failure like David and Peter thank God that He has people of all

types! We are part of a diverse family and all loved by our Saviour. He did not love us because we were lovable but rather, He loved us simply because He would love us.

Whether we are a Moses, a David, or a Peter, we all have our part to play for our loving heavenly Father. My work is not your work, nor is your work mine. I have mentioned before a Christian business owner who said to me once that he could not get up in church and preach as I do. He went on to say that his gift was making money to support the Lord’s work.

The home the beloved disciple had was spacious enough so the widow Mary would not feel a burden to this disciple of financial substance. Also, Jesus would no longer be there to meet his mother’s

financial needs so He gave her care to one who could attend to her needs financially. The man I mentioned who felt his calling was to be a financial supporter of the Lord’s work is today’s version of John in this regard.

Where do you see yourself in the work of the Lord? Can you preach, teach a Bible study, make financial gifts to help widows, visit the widows and orphans, or verbally encourage preachers?

Find your calling and pursue it passionately today. You serve the best of Masters. He deserves your best. Be as passionate as Peter, as generous as John and as consistent as Moses.

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