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The Perfect Gentleman

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"Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me."
Revelation 3:20

A young Christian man planned a romantic evening with his fiancé. He had been away on business for quite a while, and had not told her exactly when he was coming back into town. It could be in a few days or one week, but he was coming back soon.

He scheduled his flight home and could hardly wait to see her. Not being able to see or visit her made the trip very difficult. She was constantly on his mind. The time had come. He arrived at her home, and with a magnificent bouquet of her favorite flowers and the ingredients for her favorite meal, he began knocking. With great hope, he knocked. Deep down inside, he could not stand the possibility of her not hearing him knocking or opening the door. He anticipated this visit for quite some time. He loved her dearly.

This is almost how Jesus anticipated coming in to dwell with us in relationship. He loves us so deeply, so completely; and with joy He knocks at the door of our acceptance. He has brought the fragrant bouquet of His grace and a well-planned meal to set before us. Jesus, like the man in our analogy, does not barge through the door. As a perfect gentleman, He awaits the invitation to come in. He knocks persistently, hoping that we will hear and open the door. The doorknob is only on the inside; therefore, He can only wait for us to open it.

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82° F
Partly Cloudy
Wind 6 mph
from the South
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The Holy Spirit gives us the opportunity to hear the Lord knocking. Without Him, we cannot even hear, let alone open the door. The Holy Spirit brings our need to the forefront of our minds as a conviction, so we can be aware that Jesus is knocking. We have the opportunity, the choice, to open the door; and if we do, He will bring a delectable feast comprised of the health preserving leaves from the tree of life. He sets before us the salvation that satisfies. There is no need to over eat. Simply receiving this meal with thanksgiving and eating with gladness is our privilege. To refresh us, He also brings the crystal water of life that we might drink freely.

Jesus, the Perfect Gentleman, is knocking on the door of our hearts awaiting the invitation to come in. He wants access to all that is in our lives so He can occupy and enhance every area. Let us welcome the Perfect Gentleman in and enjoy the feast.

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