



The Flame

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The King is in Residence

Love is a flag flown high from the castle of my heart,
From the castle of my heart, from the castle of my heart.
Love is a flag flown high from the castle of my heart,
For the King is in residence there.

So let it fly, let it fly, let the whole world know
Let the whole world know, let the whole world know.
Let it fly, let it fly, let the whole world know
That the King is in residence here.

I woke last night about 3:30, again. What I once thought of as an inconvenience has regularly turned into a blessing. When I started waking up in the middle of the night, I decided to acknowledge the Lord's authority over my sleeping hours. I expected that I would soon be sleeping all night uninterrupted.

But, now quite regularly God replaces my sleep with the extraordinary peace of His presence. The moment I am alert, I am aware that the King is in residence, and some of my most treasured times of prayer take place in the quiet of the night.

This morning, I awoke to this children's chorus running through my head. How blessed is that!

The essence of prayer is snuggled succinctly in those simple lyrics. To live with the King in residence is to experience the true essence of prayer. The humbling reality of the presence of the King requires no requests, no structured prayer patterns, nor formal language. Just a willingness to listen and bask in the warmth of His presence. And as His Spirit prompts us, we can utter simple, unpretentious expressions of joy and holy wonder.

Taking Your Next Step

Whether in the night or during your waking hours, choose the practice of listening before speaking, and you will discover prayer as the God-centered experience it is intended to be.



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